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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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Special Agent in Charge,
Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Re: Alvin Karpis,
I.O. 1218; Harry Campbell,
Fugitive, I.O. 1236;
aliases, Fugitive, I.
George Bremer, Victim
of Fugitives; Obstruction of
Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in
the Bureau December 27, 1935.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure: 766310.

cc - Cincinnati
Chicago
St. Paul

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Case. ALVIN KARPIS, with
HARRY CAMPBELL, with
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, a
et al.; EDWARD GEORGE
Fugitive; Obstruction of
Justice; National Firearms Act.

File Number: 7-576-8852

Specimens: A. One sheet containing payroll for week ending August 1, 1935. B. One sheet containing payroll for week ending August 1, 1935, page No. 2. C. One yellow sheet containing payroll for week ending August 8, 1935. D. One yellow sheet containing payroll for week ending August 8, 1935, page No. 2. E. One yellow sheet containing payroll for week ending August 15, 1935. F. One white sheet containing payroll for week ending August 22, 1935. G. Carbon copy of payroll for week ending August 22, 1935, bearing signatures of employees.

Examination requested by: Aberdeen Bureau Office.

Date received: December 27, 1935.

Examination requested: Document and Fingerprint.

Result of examination:

Examination by:

Appel #1

No conclusion was reached from an examination of the signatures. There is, in the Laboratory, no known writing of Moran's which may be compared with these words. If it can be established that these words were written by the person whose writing was previously found similar to Moran then the conclusion may be drawn that he wrote them. The signatures are no aid in establishing an identification in the absence of writing of Moran's which may be compared.

A report on the fingerprint examination will be submitted separately.

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P.O. Drawer 567
San Francisco, California.

January 2, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim,
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to your letter of December 27, 1935, wherein you request that the admission file of Arthur R. Barker be reviewed at the Alcatraz Island Federal Penitentiary, with a view to securing information with regard to the family history of this individual.

On December 31, 1935 the file on prisoner Arthur R. Barker, Alcatraz Island No. 268, was reviewed by Special Agent W. E. Ramsey. This file reflects that Barker was carried at Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary as No. 45928, and that upon his admission to Leavenworth Penitentiary he had been interviewed by one D. E. Buchler, of the Social Service Unit of Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary. The file reflects that as a result of this interview the following information was developed:

Arthur R. Barker was born June 4, 1899 at Aurora, Missouri, the third of four children, all of whom are boys; that his father was G. E. Barker, and his mother Kate Barker; that one brother (Herman) committed suicide at about thirty-eight years of age; that one brother (Fred) was killed in a gun battle with law enforcement officers, and that one brother (Lloyd) is living, and is presently serving a term in the Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary.

The interview by Mr. Buchler with Barker at the time of his entrance to Leavenworth, developed that at four or five years of age Barker had moved to Webb City, Missouri, where he lived for about ten years; that Webb City, Missouri, is a town of about 5,000 people, and that the parents of Barker owned their home at Webb City, which home was not a modern dwelling, but was in a fair residential section of the city.

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This interview developed that Barker lived at Webb City, Missouri, until he was approximately fifteen years of age, when he moved, with his family, to Tulsa, Oklahoma; that he lived at Tulsa until he was about twenty-one or twenty-two years of age; that while in Tulsa his parents owned their home, which was reported by him to be located in a fair residential section.

It was stated to Mr. Buehler by Barker that he had completed the eighth grade in school at Tulsa, and then left school about the age of eighteen years, inasmuch as he had to go to work. Barker claimed he had learned the glass chimney making trade in Tulsa.

Barker advised Buehler that his father, George Barker, was in poor health, due to a double hernia, and that he, George Barker, had been a laborer most of his life, and had been a regular, steady worker up until about two years ago. Barker advised that his parents had separated in 1932, but had not been divorced. He stated that he did not know the cause of this separation.

He advised Buehler he had left home in 1922 when he had been sentenced to the Oklahoma State Prison, McAlester, Oklahoma, on a charge of murder. He advised that he had been released in 1933 on a banishment parole, and went to Neosho, Missouri, where he remained for three months, and then to Chicago, where he lived until the time of his arrest in January, 1935. He advised Buehler that he had had no military or naval service. He stated that he had lived in several different places in Chicago, and for the two months just prior to his arrest he had resided at 436 Surf Street, Apartment A-9, Chicago, Illinois.

He claimed he had worked at the glass trade for two years, one year at Tulsa, and one year at Fort Smith, Arkansas, and that he had then done common laboring work for two years prior to his sentence to the Oklahoma State Prison.

He claimed to have \$5600 in the Woodlawn Bank, 63rd Street, Chicago, under the name of Ray Gordon, and he advised that he planned to give this money to his father, through his attorney. He claimed that his father was presently living alone, and that he owned a lead and zinc mine, which was his support.

Arthur Barker denied the use of liquor or drugs; stated that he liked outdoor sports, and gambling, and he called the attention of Mr. Buehler to the fact that he had gotten the \$5600 above referred to through gambling activities.

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The admission summary contained in the above Alcatraz Prison file on prisoner Arthur R. Barker, had been compiled. Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary, and reflected, in addition to the information, under the heading "Neuro-Psychiatric Report" that Barker had no outstanding neurological or physical defects, and that he had an intelligence quotient of 81.

The admission summary also reflected that while at McAlester, Oklahoma, in the Oklahoma State Prison, Barker had learned the printers' trade. The summary reflected that reading was easy for him, and that arithmetic appeared to be particularly difficult for him; that he was a Protestant, but had no church preference, and was not a member of any church.

A review of the entire file on Arthur Barker, at the Alcatraz Prison, reflected that one Claude B. Kenney, Court House Building, Joplin, Missouri, was the attorney for the administrators of the estate of Fred and Arizona Barker, and that Kenney had called upon Arthur R. Barker, while he was incarcerated in Leavenworth Penitentiary, with reference to intervening in a suit which had been brought by the Bremer interests against the administrators of the estate of Fred and Arizona Barker, for some \$5000, which was allegedly in a safe deposit box in Chicago.

The file reflected that Kenney had made the statement that "old man Barker" was entitled to one-half of the estate of the above referred to Fred and Arizona Barker, and Lloyd and Arthur Barker were entitled to the other one-half, equally.

The file reflects that the nativity of both the father and mother of Arthur R. Barker was Missouri.

Agent Ramsey interviewed Major C. J. Shuttleworth, Deputy Warden at Alcatraz, who advised that he had conducted an interview with Arthur R. Barker upon his arrival at Alcatraz Island Federal Penitentiary, in October, 1935. He advised, however, that Barker had appeared evasive in his answers to questions, which he, Shuttleworth propounded, and that he, Shuttleworth had obtained no information in addition to that set out above with reference to Barker, or his history.

Very truly yours,

W.C. Bureau.
c.c. E. J. Connelley (Chicago)
c.c. Cincinnati
c.c. St. Paul.

JAY C. NEWMAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Refer file
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P. O. Box #766
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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January 8, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of December 20, 1935. Investigation at Columbus, Ohio reflects that registered letter No. 144517 was mailed from Columbus, Ohio on January 10, 1936, from the Adjusted Compensation Department of the Adjutant General's Office of the State of Ohio and was addressed to John Woodworth at 2334 or 334 Miller Avenue, Alliance, Ohio and that this letter was returned to the Columbus Post Office on January 18, 1936. It is significant that an entire series of numbers have been designated for the Adjutant General's Office and this number is among this series.

Inasmuch as this letter was not addressed to Mary Forth, no further investigation is being made at this time. It is possible that the postmaster at New Lyme Station, Ohio, may have had in mind some other registered letter which was returned at about the same time.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

CC - Bureau
St. Paul
E. J. Connelley, Chicago.

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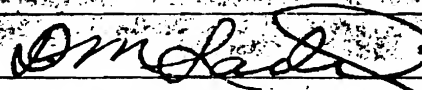
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-52

REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE: 1/5/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12/30/35	REPORT MADE BY: R. C. BURAN
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIRE-ARMS ACT.
SUMMARY REPORT			
SYNOPSIS: Summary report of information relative to William Elmer Mead as contained in the files of the Chicago Bureau office, setting forth his personal history and known contacts.			
REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated December 19, 1935.			
DETAILS: This report is submitted for the purpose of summarizing the information contained in the files of the Chicago Bureau office relative to William Elmer Mead, whose apprehension is presently desired by the Bureau for questioning in connection with instant case. On January 26, 1934 Martin Wunderlich, 530 Des Moyer Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, a road contractor, appeared at the office of Lieutenant Edward J. Kelly of the confidence men detail, Police Department, Chicago, Illinois. Wunderlich, just shortly prior to his visit to the Chicago Police Department, had been swindled by confidence men of \$200,000.00 in St. Louis, Missouri. The confidence men had engaged Mr. Wunderlich in the placing of bets on horse races and at first Mr. Wunderlich won \$370,000.00. The confidence men then stated to Mr. Wunderlich that they would not pay this sum of money over to him until he put up an amount of money showing that he could have paid if he had lost. Mr. Wunderlich then approached Edward George Bremer, victim in the instant case, and obtained a loan of \$200,000.00 to put up in connection with the placing of the			
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beta. Mr. Bremer obtained \$100,000.00 of this sum from his safety deposit box. Wunderlich looked over all the pictures of confidence men in the Chicago Police Department and identified the photograph of William Elmer Mead, Chicago Police Department group picture number 5647, as one of the individuals who had defrauded him. Wunderlich requested Lieutenant Kelly to keep this matter confidential as he did not want his bonding company to know that he was engaged in betting on horse races and it was for that reason that he borrowed this money personally from Mr. Bremer. However, Lieutenant Kelly advised Mr. Wunderlich that this matter should be reported to the Bureau as there was a possibility that there might be some connection between the kidnapers and the confidence men inasmuch as the confidence men evidently knew that Mr. Bremer was able to obtain \$200,000.00 for Mr. Wunderlich, and it is concerning this that the Bureau desires to question Mead. However, it will be noted subsequently in this report that William Elmer Mead is wanted at Jacksonville, Florida on a mail fraud charge.

William Elmer Mead was born at Cedar Rapids, Iowa and is presently 58 years of age. According to the information available through Post Office Inspector Herbert Graham, New York City, Mead is not known to have any living immediate relatives.

The records of the Colorado State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colorado, indicate that during Mead's incarceration in that institution from June 3, 1923 to September 14, 1925, Mead's father resided at 123 North San Pedro or Peralta Street, Los Angeles, California. The records at the penitentiary are illegible but the name of Mead's father appears to be A. F. Mead, A. T. Mead, A. S. Mead, A. L. Mead or A. G. Mead. No information is presently available concerning Mead's mother.

Mead is married to Kate Schmitt Mead, who, until October 11, 1935, was residing at 1533 Fargo Street, Chicago, Illinois under the name of Marie Mead, which address is that of an apartment house owned by Mrs. Mead. b7c

and at present Mrs. Mead derives no income from the building. Mrs. Mead has the following relatives:

Sister - Mrs. C. A. Baxter, 2239 - 45th Avenue, San Francisco, California
Brother-in-law - C. A. Baxter, 2239 - 45th Avenue, San Francisco, California
Mother - Marie Schmitt - deceased
Nieces - Mary Baxter and Ann Baxter, 2239 - 45th Avenue, San Francisco, California

Nephews - Charles Baxter, 2239 - 45th Avenue San Francisco, California
John Schmitt, Jr., 1723 Northwest 23rd Street, Portland, Oregon
J. D. Schmitt, 36 Northeast Broadway, Portland, Oregon

Brothers - John Schmitt, 1723 Northwest 23rd Street, Portland, Oregon
Frank Schmitt, 2334 Northwest Thurman Street, Portland, Oregon
Henry Schmitt, 36 Northeast Broadway, Portland, Oregon.

C. A. Baxter is employed as a superintendent of the Tubes Cordage Company, San Francisco, California, and the entire Baxter family have manifested a co-operative attitude in connection with the Bureau's efforts to locate Mead. Henry Schmitt and his son J. D. Schmitt also express a willingness to co-operate in connection with this matter.

Frank Schmitt, 2334 Northwest Thurman Street, Portland, Oregon, is presently managing the apartment house located at this address, which apartment house is apparently the property of William Elmer Mead. It appears that the apartment house was part of the estate of Marie Schmitt, mother of subject Mead's wife; that William Elmer Mead paid out certain sums of money to one of the heirs of Marie Schmitt and in turn the apartment house above referred to was turned over to William Elmer Mead.

From the information furnished by the various relatives of Kate Mead it appears that William Elmer Mead and Kate Mead usually spend the winters in Florida and have been known to frequently visit Jacksonville and Miami, Florida.

From the information furnished by the Baxter family in San Francisco and by J. D. Schmitt, Portland, Oregon, it is known that Charles Baxter, Mary Baxter, John Schmitt, Jr. and J. D. Schmitt in 1933 during the time the World's Fair was in progress in Chicago, Illinois, visited their aunt and uncle Kate and W. E. Mead in Chicago at 1533 Fargo Street. During this period Mead frequented an office supposed to be his which was located on the 6th or 7th floor of the Railway Exchange Building and Mead also would patronize a speakeasy located within 8 or 10 blocks of the Railway Exchange Building in Chicago, Illinois, which speakeasy was operated by some Greeks who were apparently intimate friends of Mead's. Further information was furnished that Mead frequented a golf course located North of Evanston, Illinois. The information concerning the location of this speakeasy and golf course is set forth in the report of Special Agent T. M. Clifford, Portland, Oregon, dated December 19, 1933.

Concerning the present status of the apartment house located at 1533 Fargo Street, Chicago, Illinois, it is under the active management of Mr. Charles P. Kenning, 1436 West Jarvis Street, Chicago, Illinois, who collects the rents from the tenants and makes the appropriate return to the Internal Revenue Bureau, U.S. Treasury Department. Kenning has insisted that he does not know the present whereabouts of Mrs. Kate Mead but the indications are that he is not co-operating with the Bureau in this regard.

Mr. G. A. Barker is janitor at the apartment house at 1533 Fargo Street and both Barker and his wife deny knowing the present whereabouts of Mrs. Mead but it appears that Mrs. Mead has not entirely relinquished her management of the building inasmuch as Barker takes instructions from her concerning the upkeep of the apartments as well as from Mr. Charles P. Kenning.

Mrs. M. E. Rabin, owner of the Jarvis Garage, 1612 Jarvis Street, which is in the rear of the apartment house located at 1533 Fargo Street, is acquainted with Mrs. Mead and is willing to co-operate with the Bureau.

During the year 1933 William Elmer Mead was driving a Lincoln sedan which he serviced at the F. O. R. Service, 7050 Clyde Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Reynolds and a Mr. Franzen who operate the F.O.R. Service have expressed their willingness to co-operate with the Bureau and notify the Chicago Bureau office in the event Mead again appears at that place. However, it is known that many Chicago hoodlums have their cars serviced at the F.O.R. Service and it is doubtful whether Mr. Franzen and Mr. Reynolds will voluntarily furnish information although they appeared willing to furnish all information in their possession when interviewed by Bureau Agent.

The records of the Colorado State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colorado, reflect that while Mead was confined there from June 3, 1923 to September 14, 1925, he corresponded with his wife Mrs. Kate (W.E.) Mead at the following addresses:

Little Earhardt Hotel, 1940 Broadway,
Denver, Colorado.

Hotel Albany, 369 North 23rd Street,
Portland, Oregon.

228 East 2nd Street, Los Angeles, Cal.

Hotel Van, 1544 Welton Street,
Denver, Colorado.

111 East Ontario Street, Chicago, Ill.

In care of Judge Berriman, Chicago, Ill.

He further corresponded with the following named individuals:

Mr. Louis W. Nathan, 800 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Henry C. Smith, Suite 705 Ridge Arcade, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Algie Young, 1503 East Evans Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado.

Mrs. Katie Nyberger, 117 South Hosier Street, Los Angeles, California.

G. B. Jenkinson, Thermopolis, Wyoming.

G. Hines, Great Northern Hotel, Joplin, Missouri.

Sears, Roebuck & Company, Chicago, Illinois.
(over 200 incoming communications and 34 outgoing letters to this correspondent.)

Mead, after his parole from the Colorado State Penitentiary on September 14, 1925, submitted parole reports from the following addresses on the specified dates:

October 3, 1925

111 East Ontario Street, Chicago, Illinois.

October 8, 1925

6139 South Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

November 13, 1925

General Delivery, Jacksonville, Florida.

December 1, 1925 to March 15, 1926

Hotel Mason, Jacksonville, Florida.

March 30, 1926 to March 4, 1929

6139 South Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Mead, as one Clark, alias W. Elmer Mead, was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury at Jacksonville, Florida on December 15, 1922 charged with mail fraud. This indictment was the result of a confidence scheme at Saint Augustine, Florida on the part of Mead and his associates William A. Shaw and H. C. Howard, as a result of which \$11,360.00 were fraudulently obtained by these individuals from Mr. Parker C. Morton.

On August 10, 1933 William Elmer Mead was arrested by Sargeant T. H. Alcock, Detective Division, Police Department, Chicago, Illinois at 1533 Fargo Street where Mead was occupying a six room apartment on the second floor, which, as previously stated, is the address of Kate Mead. Mead at the time of his arrest also gave as his address 2920 Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois. After Mead's arrest by Sargeant Alcock a search of the premises was made and at that time a list of telephone numbers was discovered by Alcock which telephone numbers were written in code and after the code had been solved the numbers enabled the Chicago Police Department to obtain a line on sixteen confidence men. Alcock further found in Mead's apartment a typewriter and rolls of tape and telegraph forms which were used by con men in faking telegrams to victims of their racket. Alcock furnished information which had been obtained from Post Office Inspector Graham, New York City, that Mead had previously occupied an apartment at Jacksonville, Florida, which apartment was raided on April 5, 1934 and in this apartment was found the telephone number of Billie Skidmore, a Chicago gambler and racketeer and also a telephone number of one Arthur Quinn who resided at the Lincoln Park Arms Hotel in Chicago. According to Alcock one George Ferry, alias Ferry, alias "Mile-a-minute", is Mead's adviser and is considered to be the brains of the ring which operates with Mead; that George Brice, who resides in New York City and is a brother of Fannie Brice the actress, had once been arrested with Mead. He stated that Harry Lewiston, a New York City con man was also an associate of Mead's.

Mead was arraigned before United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker at Chicago, Illinois on August 15, 1933 on the charge pending against him in the State of Florida for the confidence game practiced on Mr. Parker G. Morton. At the time of Mead's arraignment before the United States Commissioner a \$10,000.00 bond was made for Mead, through the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, 170 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. According to Mr. E. J. Maroney of the U.S. Fidelity and Guaranty Company, a woman who gave her name as Marie De Temple, 1533 Fargo Street, Chicago, Illinois, put up \$10,000.00 in Liberty Bonds to secure a bond for the release of Mead. Subsequent to the bonds being placed up as security there was some question as to the Liberty Bonds and some question as to whether Mead would appear for trial at Jacksonville, Florida, which trial was set for April 2, 1934. Mr. Maroney states, however, that on March 13, 1934 he received a wire from his company that Mead was in Jacksonville, Florida and the Post Office Inspectors in Chicago, Illinois were so advised. However, Mead did not appear for trial and the bond was forfeited.

Mr. Maroney furnished the information that on March 1, 1934 Miss De Temple came to the offices of the U.S. Fidelity and Guaranty Company for the interest on the Liberty Bonds and that she was again in his office two weeks subsequent to that date, at which time Miss De Temple advised Mr. Maroney that she thought William Elmer Mead had gone to Cuba.

Louis Piquett, at this time, was representing Mead and on one occasion communicated with Mr. Maroney in reference to the forfeiture of the bond.

Marie De Temple, during the negotiations for the placing of the bond, at first claimed to be the sister of Mead, but subsequently claimed to be his wife.

On or about July 5, 1929 one W. T. Hamilton, 1720 Auburn Avenue, Dayton, Ohio, filed a complaint at Lima, Ohio, complaining that he had been "fleece" out of \$30,000.00 by Mead, as the result of the purchase of 60,000 shares of "The Huichimayan Oil & Gas Company of San Luis Potosi, Mexico". Mead's associates in this swindle were individuals known as Charles Lancaster, J. D. Stager and Charles O. Leamington.

Officer William F. Keller of the Lima, Ohio Police Department handled the investigation concerning the swindle of Mr. Hamilton and a review of the files in the possession of Mr. Keller was made by Special Agent C. E. Smith as set forth in his report dated at Cleveland, Ohio on November 11, 1935. From this file it was learned that Charles Leamington was identical with one Charles Long who had at one time resided at 325 Madeira Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida, with a woman who posed as his wife.

Investigation by the Postmaster, Mr. O. W. Pittman, Miami, Florida, revealed that Mrs. Long had been identified as Mrs. Edith Marco, daughter of Mrs. Anna Duhl who had rented the house at 325 Madeira Avenue from a Mr. Kettman of 315 Madeira Avenue.

The reports of the investigation in possession of Mr. Keller further reflected that the Miami, Florida Police Department records revealed that in 1928 Mrs. Edith Marco had been detained for investigation in connection with the robbery of the Lamar Bank at Lamar, Colorado and indications were that she had been in communication with two of the accomplices of that robbery.

The Postmaster at Miami, Florida secured several tracings from the mail received by Mrs. Duhl, who later moved to 23 Northwest 1st Drive, Miami, Florida, from the Fireproof Warehouse & Transfer Company, 1000-1st Street, Columbus, Ohio, and from Mrs. W. E. Smith, 1000-1st Street, Miami, Florida, 1000-1st Street, Miami, Florida, and the Hollenden Hotel, Miami, Florida.

Further concerning the associates of Mead in the fraud of Mr. Hamilton, it was learned that J. D. Stager has the following aliases:

William Dorey
George Stearns
George Stearns
John J. Cummings
Graham Smith
George Steinhart
George Phillip Conrad

This individual, as George Phillip Conrad, was arrested September 2, 1925 at Memphis, Tennessee, Memphis Police Department No. 8348.

Concerning Charles O. Long, in addition to the alias of Charles O. Leamington, he is also known as Earl Luerman, Chicago Police Department No. C-6436.

All the information in the possession of the Lima, Ohio Police Department concerning Charles Lancaster was to the effect that he was reported to operate a beer joint in Chicago.

Officer Keller furnished the information that he had heard that restitution had been made to victim Hamilton but he had no evidence to substantiate that rumor.

In a letter addressed to the St. Paul office by the Chicago office under date of January 27, 1934, the information as obtained from Lieutenant Edward J. Kelly, Chicago Police Department, is to the effect that Mead was returned to Lima, Ohio and later jumped a \$30,000.00 bond at that place. However, the report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, dated November 11, 1935, does not reflect this information but does state that a warrant is presently outstanding for Mead in connection with the swindle of Mr. Hamilton.

On April 5, 1934 Mead and his wife Kate were believed to have been registered at the Fox Hotel in Elgin, Illinois under the name of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Lane, where they were assigned to Room 316. Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Lane remained registered at the Fox Hotel until April 28, 1934. It is definitely believed that Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Lane were in fact Mead and his wife inasmuch as during April, 1934 Dr. Wilhelm Loeser, the doctor who performed the plastic surgery operations on John Dillinger and Homer Van Meter, stated that he visited Mead and his wife at that place. Loeser, accompanied by Louis Piquett, Dillinger's attorney, and Art O'Leary, investigator for Louis Piquett, proceeded to Elgin, Illinois for the purpose of negotiating with Lane to have Dr. Loeser change Mead's fingerprints. A few days after this visit Loeser, under the name of Dr. John P. Carver, met Mead and his wife at the Louisville Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky, and there Dr. Loeser operated upon Mead's fingers in an attempt to obliterate his fingerprints. Loeser claims he was to receive \$1,000.00 for this job but that Mrs. Mead paid him only \$500.00.

On June 27, 1935 William E. Mead as Mr. Taylor approached Mr. John H. Dunn, contractor of Northampton, Massachusetts, representing a wealthy man whose name he would not divulge but who wished to construct some houses in the vicinity of Northampton, Mass. On July 5, 1935 Mead again approached Mr. Dunn and the indications are that Mead evidently intended to swindle Mr. Dunn. However, Mr. Dunn became suspicious and reported the matter to the authorities and on July 12, 1935 William E. Mead as C. E. Carter, was arrested by the Northampton Police, Northampton, Massachusetts and charged with investigation and improper registration of a motor vehicle. A \$200.00 bond was placed with the bail commissioner at Northampton, Massachusetts, which bond was arranged for Mead by attorney Herbert Callahan of Boston, Massachusetts, who is a well known representative of gangsters. The bond was made returnable July 18, 1935. The fingerprints of Mead were taken at the time of this arrest but due to the mutilated condition of Mead's fingerprints the Bureau was unable to effect an identification until after Mead had been released on July 14, 1935. Mead, of course, did not appear in court on the date his bond was made returnable.

At the time of Mead's arrest he was driving a 1934 Ford sedan, motor number 18-673750, which had been purchased from the Ford Motor Sales Company, 2220 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on March 20, 1934. At the time this Ford car was purchased Mead traded in to the Ford Motor Sales Company a 1932 Lincoln sedan, motor number 71196, which was registered under the name of C. C. Chase, Empire Hotel, Springfield, Illinois.

Investigation at the Empire Hotel, Springfield, Illinois, failed to result in a definite identification of Mead frequenting that place.

At the time of the purchase of the Ford sedan, \$1,000.00 was allowed Mead for the Lincoln automobile, and after the purchase price of the Ford had been deducted, Mead still had a balance of \$234.75, which balance is still available to Mead at the Ford Motor Sales Company, and arrangements have been effected with Mr. L. H. Hart of the Motor Sales Company to notify the Chicago Bureau Office in the event Mead makes application for this balance due him. At the time the Ford car was purchased by Mead he requested that the bill of sale be made out to C. E. Carter, Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia.

Under date of October 30, 1935

[REDACTED] advised the Bureau by letter that a man calling

himself Mr. Frank Taylor of Oklahoma City, represented that he was acting for a Mrs. J. H. Ross and called upon a friend of [REDACTED] b7d

[REDACTED] and represented to this friend [REDACTED] that he desired to buy the property which had been advertised for sale in the Boston Transcript and that this incident occurred on June 18, 1934. The friend of [REDACTED] took the so-called Mr. Taylor to lunch in a public restaurant and Mr. Taylor, after excusing himself for kicking his feet under the table, leaned down and picked up a wallet containing \$220.00 together with race track clippings and telegrams which indicated that the owner was representing a racing syndicate. The friend of [REDACTED] and the Mr. Taylor then visited a room in a hotel and although it was hot, the owner of the wallet was present and stated that he was confined to his room on account of diarrhea. The information is not set forth in the letter whether this trick was successfully worked on the friend of [REDACTED]. However, from the description furnished, the Bureau identified the Mr. Taylor as William Elmer Mead.

M. H. Myerson, Jacksonville, Florida, an attorney, is the individual who represented William E. Mead in Jacksonville, Florida in connection with the mail fraud indictment pending against him at that place, and according to the information obtained from attorney Myerson, in the latter part of 1933 or the early part of 1934 William E. Mead was in Jacksonville, Florida at least a part of the time and resided at the Carling Hotel. Attorney Myerson denied that he knows the present whereabouts of William Elmer Mead.

Further information concerning the friends and associates of William E. Mead was obtained from Post Office Inspector Herbert Graham, New York City. Graham has advised that Mead is friendly with a man by the name of B. J. McCafferty, a gambler, Roy Williamson and a man by the name of Neighbors, first name probably William, who is the father of one D. C. Neighbors, a confidence man; that McCafferty, Williamson and Neighbors probably use the Greystone Hotel in Casper, Wyoming as their headquarters. Graham felt certain that if Mead is not presently with these three men that they would probably know his whereabouts.

THOMAS O'DELL, alias Harold Lee Bradley, alias William Greenhouse, alias James Shaw.

Thomas O'Dell of New Britain, Connecticut was alleged to be a friend of William E. Mead. O'Dell is a confidence man and is known to be from New Britain, Connecticut. After considerable efforts to locate O'Dell the latter communicated with the New York City office by telephone on November 22, 1935 and agreed to appear for interview, which he did not do, but subsequently having learned through Mr. Julius Kaufman, 25 East 86th Street, New York City, the nature of the information desired from him,

O'Dell communicated with the New York City office by letter and advised that he had only seen Mead once in his life and did not know his present whereabouts.

In connection with O'Dell, reference is made to the reports of Special Agents William J. McNulty, New York City, dated October 10, 1935; J. B. Dickerson, New York City, dated December 5, 1935; and J. W. Vincent, New York City, dated August 14, 1935.

FRED CONDOFF, alias Fred Graham, alias Frederick Graham, alias Fred Grant.

Fred Condorf is another confidence man who is acquainted with William Elmer Mead. Condorf, when located at the Myles Standish Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts, was interviewed and admitted that he had known Mead for 30 years, becoming originally acquainted with him in Denver, Colorado when that city had been the gathering place of confidence men. He claimed, however, that he had known Mead less and less in late years and that he had not seen him since 1933 in Chicago, Illinois. Condorf frankly admitted that he would not furnish information concerning Mead if he were in possession of same.

J. E. HAYES, 1454 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

This individual is also a confidence man and a friend of Mead's, but Hayes claims to only have seen Mead on one occasion. Hayes also frankly admitted he would not assist the Bureau in endeavoring to locate Mead.

FREDERICK P. FARRELL, alias Fred Flowers, Myles Standish Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts.

Farrell is also a confidence man and when interviewed readily admitted his profession and admitted that he knew William Elmer Mead but claimed not to have seen Mead since 1933. He likewise stated that he would not assist the Bureau in the location of Mead.

FRANKIE DURIS, Westminster Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts.

A long-time resident of Boston and a former bootlegger, is a contact for confidence men in Boston, Massachusetts. This individual has denied knowing William Elmer Mead but is an associate of Fred Farrell and J. E. Hayes.

DR. FRANK J. BELL, 412 Electric Building, Billings, Montana.

Doctor Bell furnished the information that William Elmer Mead is well known at Cliff Lake, Montana and is friendly there with an individual by the name of Morris Stagers and that Stagers admitted to Dr. Bell that he would hide Mead for months at a time. Dr. Bell is friendly with Stagers.

ROBERT J. WING, Aurora, Illinois.

This individual is well acquainted with William Elmer Mead. Wing has spent several of his vacations at Madison Valley, Montana near Cliff Lake, Montana and is friendly with Mead and his wife. Mr. Wing has expressed a willingness to co-operate in furnishing information concerning Mead.

JOSEPH P. JONEN, City Police Officer, 842 South Davis Street, Casper, Wyoming.

Officer Jonen has an informant who claims to know Mead. This informant stated that in September, 1933 Mead was in Casper, Wyoming and stayed at the Gladstone Hotel and that Mead, while in Casper contacted a Dorothy Flournoy, a prostitute who at that time resided at 144 North Ash Street, Casper, Wyoming.

BRUCE UPSEAW, aliases: Allen Upshaw, Arthur C. Upshaw, W. E. James.

This individual was arrested by the Police Department at Arlington, Massachusetts on June 25, 1935 on a Fugitive from Justice warrant for the authorities at De Land, Florida, to which point he has been removed for prosecution in connection with a confidence game perpetrated at that place. Upshaw is a friend of Thomas O'Dell. Upshaw has denied knowing Mead but admits having heard of him.

JOSEPH O. EWING, Atlanta, Georgia.

Ewing, an attorney, represented William E. Mead on several occasions during the years 1930 and 1931 but claims to have had no recent contact with him.

JOSEPH PETER DOWLING, last known address, De Soto Hotel, Savannah, Georgia.

Dowling is known in Savannah, Georgia as John P. Downy and he gave his address as Miami, Florida. When interviewed he admitted that he was a "card sharp" and admitted having recently met Mead at the Sumpter Hotel at Charleston, South Carolina.

E. M. LENTZ, alias Jack
Lentz, last known address
Savannah Hotel, Savannah,
Georgia.

Lentz admitted being acquainted
with William Elmer Mead and
stated that the last time he saw Mead was in Charleston, South
Carolina in March, 1935 in the lobby of the Sumpter Hotel, at which
time he and his partner Joseph Dowling were working that town with
the "card racket".

Following are the aliases used by William Elmer Mead:

J. W. Reed	E. E. Laird	one Clark
John Henry Foster	Edward E. Gaynor	C. L. Lane
Edwin Elza Gaynor	C. C. Chase	C. E. Charles
Charles E. Carter	John J. Meadows	Frank Taylor
G. C. Chase	William E. Reed	William E. Meade
J. W. Barker	"Judge"	J. C. Walters
J. H. Parker	J. W. Reed	J. W. Parker
"Christ Kid"	one Fuller	Frank F. Taylor
		Dr. John P. Carver

Mead's description is as follows:

Age: 58 years (1935)
Height: 5 feet 10 to 11 inches
Weight: 150 pounds
Build: Slender
Complexion: Medium
Hair: Grey (partially bald)
Mustache: Grey
Eyes: Blue (occasionally wears eyeglasses)
Nationality: American
Occupation: Confidence man
Peculiarities: Speaks with a querulous voice;
frequently uses "Ain't" and double
negatives; apparently has worn a toupee;
left eye blinks nervously; left shoulder
and left side of face partially paralyzed;
right corner of mouth is drawn down when
speaking; religion, Catholic; marital
status, married.

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Kate Mead, the wife of William Elmer Mead, has used the following aliases:

Marie Mead
Katherine Mead
Kate Schmidt

Mrs. C. C. Chase
"Frisco Kate"
Kate Schmitt

"Klondike Kate"
"California Kate"

Kate Mead's description is as follows:

Age: 45 years
Height: 5 feet 4 to 5 inches
Weight: 165 pounds
Build: Heavy
Complexion: Medium
Hair: Brown, turning grey
Eyes: Blue
Nationality: American
Scar on inner forearm of right arm.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

CHICAGO OFFICE

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, will continue the investigation in the vicinity of 1533 Fargo Street, maintaining contact with Mrs. M. E. Rabin, 1512 Jarvis Street, and with Postal Carrier Mr. Qertel to learn if Mrs. Marie Mead returns to her apartment.

Will again interview Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Franzen, F.O.R. Service, 7050 Clyde Avenue, to solicit their co-operation in the event Mead appears at the garage for service.

Will interview Louis W. Nathan, 600 South Wabash Avenue, for information concerning Mead. Nathan corresponded with Mead while the latter was an inmate of the Colorado State Penitentiary. Nathan is also referred to by Post Office Inspector Graham as a friend of Mead's.

An investigation should be conducted at Sears, Roebuck & Company to learn the nature of the correspondence between that company and Mead while the latter was in the Colorado State Prison from 6-3-23 to 9-14-25 under the name of John H. Foster, #12127. It is possible Mead may own stock in Sears, Roebuck & Company.

Will conduct investigation at the following addresses in Chicago from which addresses Mead submitted parole reports on dates specified:

10-5-25	-	111 East Ontario Street
10-8-25	-	6139 South Park Avenue
3-30-26	-	6139 South Park Avenue

At the Lincoln Park Arms Hotel will ascertain if Arthur Quinn, gambler and racketeer, is presently residing there and if so if he is in touch with Mead. If Quinn is not located at the Lincoln Park Arms Hotel his present whereabouts may be known to Sergeant Alcock, Detective Division, Chicago Police Department.

The address of Billie Skidmore, another racketeer and gambler, might be secured from Sergeant Alcock. Skidmore's telephone number was found in Mead's apartment by Alcock.

Will again interview Mr. E. J. Maroney of the U.S. Fidelity & Guaranty Company, 170 West Jackson Boulevard, to ascertain if this bonding company has any recent information on Mead.

Art O'Leary should be interviewed and his co-operation solicited for the purpose of locating Mead.

At the Chicago Police Department will obtain what information is available concerning Charles O. Long, alias Charles D. Leamington, alias Earl Luerman, Chicago P.D. #C-6436, who was associated with Mead in the swindle of W. T. Hamilton at Lima, Ohio in 1929.

Will again interview Mr. L. H. Hart, Ford Motor Sales Company, 2220 South Michigan Avenue, to determine the present status of the \$234.75 balance Mead has there under the name of C.E. Carter.

Will conduct an investigation at the County Assessor's office to ascertain whether William Elmer Mead or Marie Mead has any other property in Cook County, Illinois in addition to the property at 1533 Fargo Street.

Will locate and interview Judge Barriman who was given as a mail address by Kate Mead during 1923 to 1925.

AT AURORA, ILLINOIS, will interview Robert J. Wing, an attorney, for any recent information he may have concerning Mead and in this connection reference is made to the report of Special Agent in Charge D. H. Dickason, Butte, Montana, dated 7-3-34.

BUTTE OFFICE

AT BILLINGS, MONTANA, will interview Dr. Frank J. Bell, 412 Electric Building, for any recent information he may have concerning Mead. See report of Special Agent in Charge D. H. Dickason, Butte, Montana, dated 5-7-34.

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, will maintain contact with the Baxter family for information they might obtain concerning Mead.

PORTLAND OFFICE

Will continue the investigation relative to the Schmitt family. Close contact should be maintained with those members of the family who are co-operative.

LOS ANGELES OFFICE

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, will conduct an investigation at 123 North San Pedro or Peralta Street to ascertain if Mead's father is known there. Will also conduct investigation at 228 Second Street at which address Kate Mead received correspondence from subject Mead while the latter was confined in the Colorado State Prison. Reference is made to the report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Denver, Colorado, dated 12-9-35.

DENVER OFFICE

Will conduct the necessary investigation in connection with the leads set out in the report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Denver, Colorado, dated 12-9-35.

CLEVELAND OFFICE

AT LIMA, OHIO, will refer to the report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 11-11-35 and conduct an investigation at Lima to learn if Mead made bond in connection with the case pending against him there. If bond was made appropriate investigation should be made in connection with his bondsman.

BOSTON OFFICE

Will continue the investigation relative to Attorney Herbert Callahan of BOSTON and attorney James P. Mahoney, SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS, to ascertain if these persons are presently in contact with Mead. Due to the recent activities of these lawyers Mead will no doubt contact one or the other of them in the future if he is not communicating with them at present.

SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE

AT CASPER, WYOMING, will again contact Officer Joseph P. Jonen, and through his informant endeavor to develop information about Mead. It is further noted that Mead is friendly with William Neighbors, B. J. McCafferty and Roy Williamson, according to Post Office Inspector Graham of New York City and it is thought advisable to endeavor to develop further information concerning these individuals at Casper.

ATLANTA OFFICE

AT SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, should maintain such a check as is possible on the activities of Jack Lentz and Joe Dowling inasmuch as these persons have been in contact with Mead as recently as March, 1935.

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January 6, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Dear Sir:

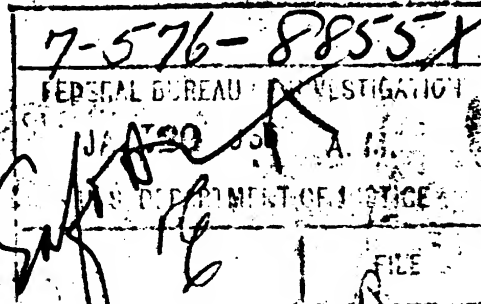
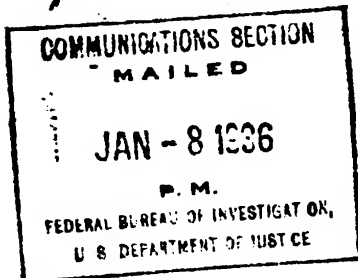
Confirming teletype message sent to you under date of January 4, 1936 in connection with the case entitled, ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1212, et al.; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-Victim; KIDNAPING, you are advised that the firearms referred to in your letter of December 27, 1935 and listed in the letter from the Jacksonville Office to the Bureau under date of September 4, 1935 were forwarded to you by American Express on Saturday, January 4, 1936.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Cincinnati
Chicago
Mr. E. J. Connelley-Chicago
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Post Office Box 214,
Birmingham, Alabama,
January 6, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
New York, N. Y.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUG. I.O.#1212;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.#1232;
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O.#1234; et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
Kidnaping, Harboring of Fugitives,
Obstruction of Justice, National Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report submitted by Special Agent J.B. Dickerson, at New York City, December 31, 1935, noting therein the Birmingham office has been requested to interview Mr. Fred Perry, Secret Service Agent, for such information as he might have, which will lead to the apprehension of William Mead.

Please be advised that the Birmingham office received information on December 19, 1935, from Mr. Robert E. Perry, Agent in Charge, U. S. Secret Service, to the effect that Mr. Perry had ascertained from an informant that Mead was expected to be in Birmingham, Alabama within a short time. Subsequently Mr. Perry advised this office that he had learned through his informant that Mead was in Miami or Winter Haven, Florida, where he would frequent the better known hotels.

The Jacksonville office has been advised telegraphically of the above information, and has conducted investigation at Miami, Fla., without success.

The Birmingham office is maintaining close contact with Mr. Perry for any and all information he may receive relative to the location of Mead. Mr. Perry has requested that his name be held in strictest confidence, and that no intimation be made that he is furnishing this Bureau with the information he receives from his confidential informant, who is unknown to the Birmingham office.

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Very truly yours,

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R. E. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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January 6, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of December 23, 1935 transmitting four two page pay roll sheets dated August 1, 8, 15, and 22, 1935, respectively, in connection with the case entitled, Edwin Arpin, with aliases - fugitive, I. O. 1518, et al.; Edward C. Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping, your file 7-578.

You are advised that a total of forty-four latent fingerprints was developed on the specimens submitted and that they have been compared with the fingerprints of Doctor Joseph C. Bremer, I. O. 1518, without effecting an identification.

The original pay roll sheets will be returned to your office after photographic copies have been made for the completion of our files.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-39**

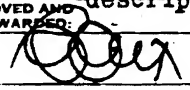
REPORT MADE AT PITTSBURGH, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-6-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-27-35	REPORT MADE BY W. H. HEYWOOD
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No person by the name of G. R. Benton, George Benton, or Mary Forth has registered an automobile or obtained an operator's or chauffeur's license in the State of West Virginia.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter of Cleveland Bureau Office dated 12-16-35.</p> <p>DETAILS: AT CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA:</p> <p>A search of the records in the Automobile Bureau of the West Virginia State Road Commission revealed that no person by the name of G. R. BENTON, GEORGE BENTON, or MARY FORTH has registered an automobile or obtained an operator's or chauffeur's license in the State.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PENDING</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio.

FILE NO. 7-24

REPORT MADE AT Jacksonville, Fla.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-6-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-2-36	REPORT MADE BY H. L. SLOAN
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - Fugitive, I.O. 1218; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Location of Meade not established in Winter Haven, Florida.			
REFERENCE: Letter from the Birmingham Office dated 12-28-35.			
DETAILS: On the afternoon of December 31, 1935, Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan of the Birmingham Office, advised this office by long distance telephone, that the confidential informant, mentioned in the letter of reference, had advised that Office that Meade is presently living at one of the best Hotels in Winter Haven, Florida.			
<p>Inquiries were made at the Haven, Spring Lake, and the Florence Villa Hotels, all in Winter Haven, Florida. The Haven Hotel is the leading Hotel in that place and remains open the entire year, and the Spring Lake and the Florence Villa Hotels have only been open for the past week. The Managers and Desk Clerks advised Agent after viewing the pictures of Meade and noting his description, that no one of like appearance or description had been registered at their Hotels. After examining the registration cards, it was found that no one was registered at any of the Hotels under Meade's true name or known aliases.</p> <p>Inquiries were also made at the Winter Haven Post Office, Western Union and Postal Telegraph Offices, Exchange National and American National Banks, Winter Haven Tourist Club, the Lakeregion, Ridgeland and Wis-Flo Hotels with negative results.</p> <p>All the persons interviewed, upon being furnished the address of the Jacksonville Bureau Office promised to advise in the event that Meade put in his appearance in that locality.</p> <p>The Winter Haven Police Department promised their cooperation in this matter and advised that they would be on the lookout for anyone of Meade's description.</p>			
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Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida
January 8, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith subpoena duces tecum which was served upon Palmer Rosemond, Chief Deputy Clerk, United States District Court, Miami, Florida, by Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, on January 5, 1936, as requested in your letter of January 3, 1936. Agent Fitzsimons' return is endorsed thereon.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt
Special Agent in Charge.

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E. J. Connelley, Chicago
Cincinnati.

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Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

January 8, 1936

Mr. F. A. Lanford,
Cashier, Federal Reserve Bank,
Jacksonville Branch,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:-

RE: BREKID.

With reference to the four \$1000 bills, bearing the following serial numbers, it is requested that these bills be retained from circulation for the present, as they may at a later date become evidence in one of our cases:

F 00022460-A
F 00022459-A
F 00022458-A
F 00022484-A

The above is in confirmation of the oral request made to you on the 3rd inst., by our Special Agent R. B. Donaldson.

Very truly yours,

R. A. ALT,
Special Agent in Charge.

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NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE
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Patrons should check class of service desired, otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication

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Jacksonville, Florida. 1-6-36

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232 Uptown Station & Federal Courts
St Paul Minn

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Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

January 8, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minn.

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Dear Sir:-

RE: BREKID

Replying to your letter of the 3rd inst., enclosing
subpoenas for Special Agent R. B. Donaldson of this Office,
and W. E. Pike, Teller of the Federal Reserve Bank of Jackson-
ville, Florida, please be advised that both subpoenas have
been served, and the originals are returned herewith, proper
return having been endorsed on same.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alf,
Special Agent in Charge.

Encl.

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E. J. Connelley, Chicago.

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Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida
January 6, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

This will confirm my telephone conversation of this date with Agent McIntire, of your office, in which I advised that Special Agent S. K. McKee arrived in Miami, Florida, from Havana, Cuba, with all Cuban witnesses subpoenaed in this case, and with all the desired records from Cuba.

Agent McKee advised that he would leave Miami at 10:30 tonight enroute to St. Paul, via F.E.C., A.C.L., C. of G., L. & N., Pennsylvania, and C.B. & Q. railroads. He will arrive in Chicago at 5:05 P.M. on January 8th, leaving at 11:00 P.M. the same date, and arrive in St. Paul at 8:15 A.M. on January 9th. Agent McKee, with all witnesses, is traveling in through pullman car No. M. V.

This will also confirm my telephone conversation with Agent McIntire, in which I advised that Attorney Bart Riley, Miami, Florida, who is representing subject Joe Adams, advised Agent H. J. Fitzsimons that by long distance telephone he called United States Attorney Sullivan, in St. Paul, inquiring whether Joe Adams and all witnesses of the El Comodoro Hotel were to leave immediately, and that Mr. Sullivan had informed that this was not necessary; that he would notify Mr. Adams when to leave as it was not believed that these witnesses would be needed for at least a week or ten days.

After talking with Agent McIntire, I advised Agent Fitzsimons that it would be satisfactory to the St. Paul office for Joe Adams and all witnesses from the El Comodoro Hotel to proceed as instructed by the United States Attorney. Agent McIntire during my conversation stated that all witnesses who were not included in the instructions of the U. S. Attorney to Mr. Riley should leave Miami as requested in subpoenas served upon them.

Agent Fitzsimons informed that all Miami witnesses had been provided with proper clothing, and that railroad reservations had been made for all of them, and all witnesses, with the exception of those forementioned, would leave Miami tonight enroute to St. Paul.

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Very truly yours,

R.A.A.G.
Cc: Bureau, Cincinnati,
Mr. Connelley, Chicago.
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R. A. Alt
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

January 8th, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Salt Lake City, Utah

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated January 3rd, 1936 addressed to Mr. E. J. Connelley at Chicago, a copy of which was furnished your office relative to the possible location of Karpis in Las Vegas, Nevada.

For your information Edna Murray former paramour of Volney Davis has advised that during the year 1935 members of the Karpis-Barker mob did in fact frequent Las Vegas but she is not sure whether it was Las Vegas, New Mexico or Las Vegas, Nevada.

It is requested that your office conduct a thorough inquiry at Las Vegas, Nevada to locate any contacts the fugitives in this case may have there and to determine if Karpis and Campbell are presently in that vicinity.

The El Paso office is being furnished a copy of the letter of reference and that office is requested to conduct a similar investigation at Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. Department of Justice
1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

January 5, 1936

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

For use in connection with an investigation of the above matter now being made by this office, it is respectfully requested that this office be furnished immediately with:

36 rolls of 1/2" paper tape

This will be required for the universal telephone dial recorder.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland
J. P. MacFarland
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 515

Saint Paul, Minnesota

January 6, 1936

**Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.**

Dear Sir:

SPECIAL AGENT L.C. SCHILDER

Agent Schilder arrived in Saint Paul at 8:15 A.M., today, to appear at the trial in the Brekid Case, which started this morning. He is residing at the Hotel Lowry, Cedar 6600.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Stein

**C. W. STEIN
Special Agent in Charge**

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Edward E. Bremer
**Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.**

Dear Sir: SPECIAL AGENT R. T. HARBO.

**Agent Harbo arrived in Saint Paul at
8:15 A.M., January 6, 1936, in order to appear
at the trial in the Brekid Case which started
today. He is residing at 3829 - 19th Avenue,
South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Dupont 2974.**

Very truly yours

C. W. Stein

**C. W. STEIN
Special Agent in Charge**

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Edward G. Bremer
**Director
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Washington, D. C.**

Dear Sir: SPECIAL AGENT S.L. FORTENBERRY

Agent Fortenberry arrived in St. Paul, Minnesota at 7:30 A.M., January 6, 1936, in order to appear at the trial in the Brekid Case which started today. He is residing at the Hotel Lowry, Cedar 6600.

Very truly yours

C. W. Stein

**C. W. STEIN
Special Agent in Charge**

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Director
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U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

SPECIAL AGENT C. H. OLSON

Agent Olson arrived in St. Paul, Minnesota at 7:30 A.M., January 6, 1936, in order to appear at the trial in the Brekid Case which started today. He is residing at the Hotel Lowry, Cedar 6600.

Very truly yours

C. W. Stein

C. W. STEIN
Special Agent in Charge

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Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: SPECIAL AGENT M. J. CASSIDY

Agent Cassidy arrived in St. Paul, Minnesota at 2:30 P.M., January 5, 1936, to testify in connection with the trial in the Brekid Case, which started today. He is residing at the Hotel Lowry, Cedar 6600.

Very truly yours

C. W. Stein

C. W. STEIN
Special Agent in Charge

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**Director
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Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.**

Dear Sir:

SPECIAL AGENT J. L. MADALA

Agent Madala arrived in St. Paul, Minnesota at 9:10 P.M., January 5, 1936, in order to appear at the trial in the Brekid Case, which started today. He is residing at the Hotel Lowry, Cedar 6600.

Very truly yours

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Special Agent in Charge

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**Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Dear Sir:

**Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni
arrived in St. Paul, Minnesota, at 8:00 A.M., January
6, 1936, in order to appear at the trial in the Brekid
Case, which started today. He is residing at the Hotel
Lowry, Cedar 6600.**

Very truly yours

C. W. Stein

**C. W. STEIN
Special Agent in Charge**

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Edward J. Brennan
**Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.**

Dear Sir:

MR. L. G. ROSE, Photographer

**Mr. Rose arrived in St. Paul, Minnesota
at 8:30 A.M., January 6, 1936, in order to appear at
the trial in the Brekid Case, which started today. He
is residing at the Hotel Lowry, Cedar 6600.**

Very truly yours,

C. W. Stein

**C. W. STEIN
Special Agent in Charge**

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: KATE BARKER

In compliance with your telephonic request, there is transmitted herewith a memorandum relating to the background, early life and criminal activities of Kate Barker.

There are also attached hereto the criminal records of the four sons of "Ma" Barker and interesting photographs in this connection, which might be of some interest to you.

Respectfully,

E. A. T.

E. A. Tamm.

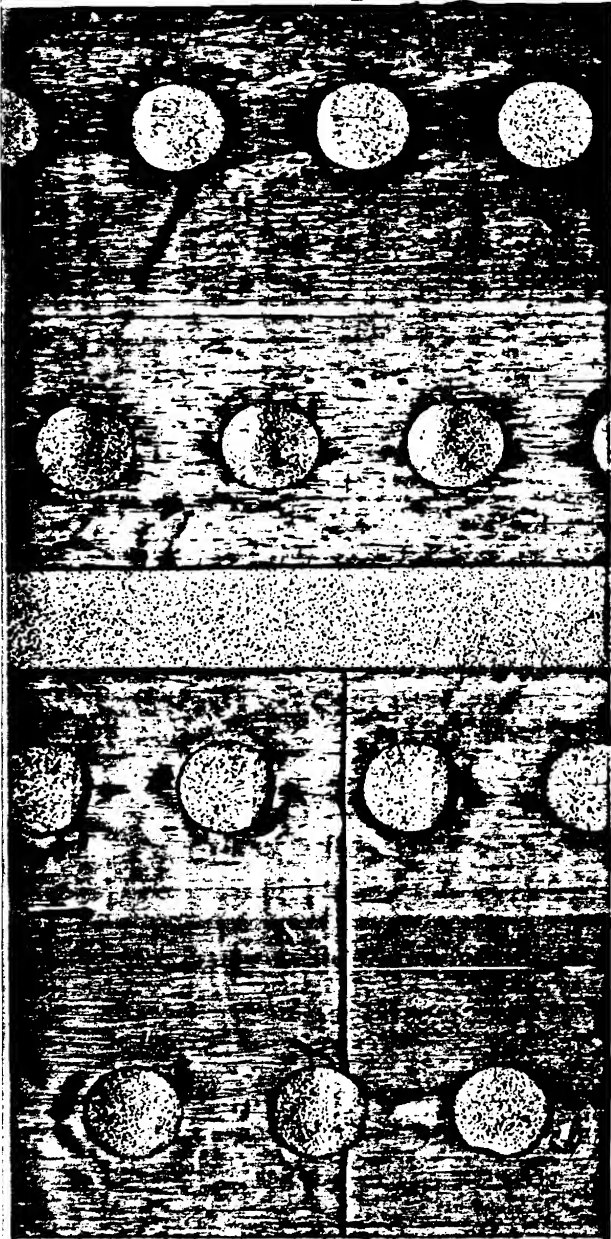
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December 31, 1935.

The original of the attached memorandum
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Mr. E. J. Connelley
Cincinnati

Ed. Henry Bremer

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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**Post Office Box 515
Saint Paul, Minnesota
January 6, 1936**

**Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.**

Dear Sir:

SPECIAL AGENT D. P. SULLIVAN

Agent Sullivan arrived in St. Paul, Minnesota at 7:30 A.M., January 6, 1936, in order to appear at the trial in the Brekid Case, which started today. He is residing at 282 Carroll Avenue in Saint Paul.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Stkin

**C. W. STKIN
Special Agent in Charge**

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: SPECIAL AGENT R. C. SURAN

Agent Suran arrived in St. Paul, Minnesota at 7:30 A.M., January 6, 1936, in order to appear at the trial in the Brekid Case which started today. He is residing at the Lowry Hotel, Cedar 6600.

Very truly yours

C. W. Stein

C. W. STEIN
Special Agent in Charge

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DIRECTOR

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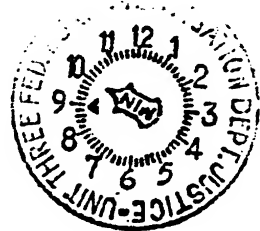
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**Director
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Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.**

Dear Sir:

SPECIAL AGENT L. A. BECKSTAD

Agent Beckstead arrived in St. Paul, Minnesota, at 8:30 A.M., January 6, 1936, in order to appear at the trial in the Brekid Case which started today. He is residing at the Lowry Hotel, Cedar 6600.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Stein

**C. W. STEIN
Special Agent in Charge**

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Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

January 6th, 1936

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Bureau authority is requested to continue the payment of \$5.00 a day for a period of one month to Tony Witkus, confidential Lithuanian informant, who is being used in connection with the above entitled matter.

In this connection your attention is directed to teletype from this Office dated December 5th, 1935, requesting original authority in line with the employment of this informant.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD
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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

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7-576-8881X

This letter is in confirmation of telephonic conversations had today with you and Mr. Tamm relative to my failure to advise the Bureau by teletype or telegraph that Colonel B. M. Casteel, of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, had advised me on Saturday night that Homer Fanning had admitted that his companion in Kansas City at the time of his apprehension was not Alvin Karpis.

For your information the following is a resume of the facts as developed during the week-end in this case.

As reflected by the report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, in the BREKID case, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, January 6, 1936, it will be noted that Fanning was arrested by the Missouri State Highway Patrol after his release by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department on January 3, 1936, and that property in his possession had been identified as having been stolen in the vicinity of Kirksville, Missouri, and Keokuk, Iowa.

At about 9 P.M. on Saturday, January 4, 1936, Colonel B.M. Casteel, Superintendent, Missouri State Highway Patrol, telephoned me from Macon, Missouri, which is in the territory of the St. Louis Bureau Office, and stated they had been questioning Fanning since he had been taken to Macon by the Highway Patrol and had definitely established that he was involved in several burglaries in North-eastern Missouri and Southeastern Iowa. He stated that Fanning had now stated that he had been involved with "Spike" Lane, Clarence Sparger and John Langdon, all of whom are wanted by the Bureau on National Motor Vehicle Theft Act charges, and who have been thought to be companions of "Blackie" Doyle, who is wanted in the Luer kidnapping case. Colonel Casteel stated that Fanning claimed to be able to point out the spot at which these individuals could now be located. The Colonel asked me whether I could proceed to Macon, Missouri, immediately, and go with his men and Fanning to locate the place where the above mentioned individuals were. I stated

Edward G. Bremer
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that inasmuch as Macon, Missouri, was out of the territory of this office it would be necessary for me to get authority from Washington before proceeding out of the territory. I asked the Colonel where he expected to apprehend these individuals and he stated they were said to be in the vicinity of Iowa City, Iowa. I advised the Colonel I could get in touch with our Omaha Office, which probably had some Agents in Iowa, and make arrangements for them to contact members of the Highway Patrol at that point. I advised the Colonel that I would call him back and advise him the names of the Agents and where they would be stopping. I then telephoned Special Agent in Charge John A. Dowd, of the Omaha Office, advising him of the intention of Colonel Casteel to send some of his men with Fanning into Iowa for the purpose of trying to apprehend Lane, Sparger and Langdon. Mr. Dowd stated that he had two Agents in Iowa and would locate them and have them proceed to Iowa City and he would call me back advising me as to where members of the Highway Patrol could find the Agents from the Omaha Office in Iowa City.

Subsequently, Special Agent J. L. Flood, of the Omaha Office, telephoned and stated that Special Agents Bundy and Franz were then in Iowa and had been directed to proceed to Iowa City where they would stop at the Jefferson Hotel, at which point members of the Highway Patrol could contact them. I immediately telephoned Colonel Casteel at Macon and gave him this information and he stated that three of his men, accompanied by the Chief of Police of Keokuk, Iowa, had already left for Iowa City but that they were going to stop at Kirksville, Missouri to telephone him and find out the names of the Agents and where they could be contacted in Iowa City, and he stated he would give them this information immediately. He further advised that through information supplied by Fanning they had located, near Macon, Missouri, a Buick Sedan which had been stolen by Fanning and Alfred Schmidt, his companion, at Keokuk, Iowa, and he desired to know whether an Agent could come to Macon to check on this car and assist in this investigation. I advised Colonel Casteel I would immediately call the St. Louis Bureau Office and have them send an Agent to Macon for the purpose of checking on this angle of the case.

I told Colonel Casteel that in the event there was any danger of Fanning making bond in connection with the State charges that probably a Federal complaint could be filed charging violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. The Colonel stated there were sufficient state charges against Fanning which would preclude his release on bond. The Colonel stated, however, that in the event Langdon, Sparger and Lane were apprehended in Iowa as a result of Fanning's information, he intended to give some consideration to Fanning in connection with these state charges. At this time I inquired of Colonel Casteel whether Fanning still insisted that his companion in Kansas City at the time of his apprehension

was Alvin Karpis. Mr. Casteel stated that Fanning had now admitted it was not Karpis but that he had merely stated it was Karpis in order to protect his real companion at the time. It is to be noted that while Fanning was in custody at Kansas City he continually insisted that Karpis was with him, and when it was pointed out that it had been determined that undoubtedly his companion was Alfred Schmidt he still insisted Karpis and Alfred Schmidt were identical.

Telephonic communication was immediately had by me with Special Agent Norris, of the St. Louis Office, and I gave him briefly the facts of this case and requested that an Agent be dispatched as soon as possible to Macon, Missouri, to cooperate with Colonel Casteel, who had stated he would remain in Macon the rest of Saturday night. Agent Norris stated he would contact Colonel Casteel by telephone immediately and have an Agent proceed to that point at once.

On Sunday, January 5, 1936, Special Agent in Charge Dowd telephoned from Omaha, Nebraska, and stated that the Agents had met the members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol at Iowa City, Iowa and had conducted a raid on a house where Fanning claimed that Sparger, Lane and Langdon could be found, but that no one was found there nor was any evidence discovered to indicate these individuals had ever been there. He did state, however, that as a result of the investigation in Iowa Alfred Schmidt had been located and that the Missouri Highway Patrol was returning Schmidt to Missouri. It is to be noted in this connection that the only Federal violation so far in connection with Fanning is the interstate transportation of the Buick Sedan which was stolen in Keokuk, Iowa and recovered in the Eastern Judicial District of Missouri.

Undoubtedly upon receiving the information from Colonel Casteel to the effect Fanning had admitted that Karpis was not his companion I should have immediately advised the Bureau of this fact. The only explanation I can give for my failure to do so is that prior investigation, of which the Bureau was advised by teletype, had fairly definitely established the fact that Karpis was not the companion of Fanning, and I felt that before making a definite statement to the effect that Fanning had admitted that Karpis was not his companion it would be better to have him interviewed by an Agent of this Bureau, rather than to rely entirely upon the statement made by Colonel Casteel to that effect. It was contemplated, of course, that Fanning would probably be interviewed somewhat by the Agents at Iowa City when he was taken to that point by the Highway Patrol to assist in locating this hideout, or by

Agents of the St. Louis Office after his return to Macon, Missouri
from Iowa.

I regret exceedingly my failure to advise the Bureau
of this development, and I want to assure you that an occurrence
of this kind will not happen again.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Smith
W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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January 4, 1936.

3:30 P. M.
JANUARY 2, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Mr. Fisher of the Criminal Division of the Department called with reference to the appearance of the Cuban witnesses and the production of records at the trial in St. Paul, and desired to know whether it was our understanding that all Cuban records would be produced at that point. I informed Mr. Fisher that it was my understanding as a result of information received from Agent McKee that all witnesses and all records would be available at St. Paul. Mr. Fisher stated that he was in receipt of a communication from the Consul General at Havana, Cuba, which raised some question in his mind as to whether the records in the Chase National Bank at Havana would be produced. I told Mr. Fisher that it was my understanding that these records would be available, and in order to clear the question in his mind I would communicate with the Jacksonville Office and straighten out this ambiguity which had arisen in his mind.

I immediately communicated with Mr. Alt at Jacksonville, Florida, in compliance with your instructions and was informed that it was Mr. Alt's understanding that the records and witnesses would be present at St. Paul. The fact that the Chase National Bank records would not be available had not occurred to Mr. Alt, and inasmuch this question was not raised in Mr. Alt's mind, he stated that he was not able to answer definitely whether the records would be available. McKee had advised Alt that everything was O. K., and it was Mr. Alt's interpretation that all records requested and all witnesses desired would be present at the trial in St. Paul at the desired time. Alt further advised that McKee would stop over at Miami en route to St. Paul, and would there make arrangements for the appearance of all Florida witnesses that were necessary at St. Paul.

Respectfully,

A. Rosen

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- Mr. Schilder
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- Mr. Tracy
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DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREKID. SURVEILLANCE OF FITZGERALD HERE INDICATES THAT HE HAS DECIDED TO LEAVE LOS ANGELES ON EVENING OF JANUARY SIXTH VIA AUTOMOBILE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS GIRL FRIEND AND A GIRL FRIEND OF HERE ENROUTE TO CARLSBAD NEW MEXICO. TRIP WILL TAKE APPROXIMATELY TWO AND ONE HALF DAYS TO REACH DESTINATION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH TELEPHONIC CONVERSATION WITH CONNELLEY AGENTS FROM THIS OFFICE WILL HANDLE THE SURVEILLANCE.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: Confession of Homer Fanning.

I telephoned Special Agent in Charge W. A. Smith of the Kansas City office this morning and inquired from him why the Bureau was not notified of Homer Fanning's confession. Mr. Smith stated that the teletype which he sent in several days ago indicated rather definitely that the man with Homer Fanning was not Karpis. Mr. Smith further stated that the information regarding Fanning's confession had come from Colonel Casteel and that the St. Louis office sent an Agent to interview Fanning and that the Agent was supposed to have arrived there Sunday morning; that he thought it would be better to have this information verified by an Agent of the Bureau.

I advised Mr. Smith that the Bureau had been besieged by the press for the last week as to whether Karpis was in that territory and if he had had his face lifted. I further advised that the first knowledge I had of Fanning's confession was when the Attorney General's office asked me about a teletype concerning this matter which had been received by them.

I reprimanded Mr. Smith very severely for not notifying the Bureau immediately of the information which he had received and withheld from the Bureau for approximately twenty four hours.

Mr. Nathan
 Mr. Tolson
 Mr. Baughman
 Chief Clerk
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Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
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Laboratory Report

Case: January 7, 1936. Number: 7-576-8788
Alvin Karpis, with aliases - Fugitive,
I. O. 1218, et al.; Edward G. Bremer -
Victim; Kidnaping.

Specimens:

1. One sheet of writing paper which was obtained from a writing pad in Charles J. Fitzgerald's room.

Examination requested by: Los Angeles office.

Date received: 1/4/36.

Examination requested: Document.

Result of examination: Examination by: APPEL

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Mr. J. H. Hanson,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
617 Federal Building,
Los Angeles, California.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases -
Fugitive, I. O. 1216, et al.;
Edward G. Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in
the Bureau January 6, 1936.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure: #1093819.

cc - Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago
Chicago

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REPORT MADE AT Kansas City, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-6-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/31/35-1/4/36	REPORT MADE BY A. J. NORSTROM
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236, Et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING, HARBORING OF FUGITIVES, OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: RECEIVED FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE JAN 10 1936 <p>Homer Fanning apprehended by Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department on December 31, 1935, after police pursued a Buick automobile bearing stolen Nebraska license plates in which he and an unidentified companion were riding. Fanning claims his companion, who eluded police, was Alvin Karpis, but subsequent investigation indicates he was one Alfred Schmidt of Griggsville, Illinois, who was wanted by Kirksville, Missouri, and Keokuk, Iowa, authorities for numerous burglaries. Buick automobile in which they were riding identified as stolen December 11, 1935, at Keokuk, Iowa. Fanning adjudged criminally insane at Iowa City, Iowa, on January 10, 1934, and on several occasions has proffered information to the Bureau concerning badly wanted fugitives, which was found to be without merit.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p><u>REFERENCE:</u> Report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 12-29-35.</p> <p><u>DETAILS:</u> On December 31, 1935, Dan Larimer, a reporter for the Kansas City Star, telephonically advised Special Agent in Charge W. A. Smith</p>			
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that the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department was holding one Homer Fanning for investigation and that Fanning had claimed that he was an associate of Karpis. Special Agent A. J. Norstrom immediately contacted T. J. Higgins, Chief of Detectives, Kansas City Police Department, who, at the time, was questioning Fanning in the presence of Otto P. Higgins, Director of Police, and H. F. McElroy, City Manager. Chief Higgins advised that about 9:15 A.M., Chester Decker and Leonard Johnson, Flora Avenue Police Station, while cruising in their police car, had seen a mud covered automobile, containing two men and bearing stolen Nebraska license plates 1935 #44-3161, traveling west on Linwood Boulevard near the outskirts of Kansas City. The police car immediately gave chase to this automobile but were unable to overtake it. At 29th and Chestnut Avenue, the car skidded, jumped the curb, and rolled on to the sidewalk. At that instant, one of the occupants of the car, later identified as Homer Fanning, leaped from the car and started to run. The officers, who were some distance behind, immediately fired at Fanning, without results. In the meantime, the remaining occupant drove the car off the sidewalk and headed toward the city limits. Officers Decker and Johnson pursued Fanning across the street and to the Benton High School and finding that Fanning had run to the second floor of the school building, they covered the outside in time to see Fanning jump out a second story window of the building, a drop of fifteen feet. They immediately gave chase to him again but he outdistanced them and their pursuit was futile.

In the meantime, residents in the vicinity immediately notified police headquarters and all available police officers were dispatched to the vicinity. Chief Higgins then received a telephone call from Mrs. G. D. Lane, 3016 College Avenue, advising that a suspicious person had entered her house and used her telephone to place a call for a taxi cab. Detective John Costello was immediately dispatched to Mrs. Lane's home and arrived in time to see Fanning getting into the taxi cab. With the assistance of police officers C. J. Michaels and John Settley, they immediately took Fanning into custody and Fanning offered no resistance, although a .38 caliber Colt's revolver was found in his possession. He was immediately taken to police headquarters, where he was also found to have in his possession three diamond rings, one black onyx ring with diamond setting, and \$135.00 in cash of which \$15.00 was in silver.

A short time later Officers Settley and Michaels encountered the automobile driven by Fanning's companion and gave chase east on highway #10 toward Raytown, Missouri. After a chase of fifteen miles the police car was outdistanced and the chase was abandoned.

Fanning, at police headquarters, was questioned by Chief Higgins, and asserted that his companion was Alvin Karpis, that he would make no further statement concerning him unless he could be promised a suitable reward would be paid to him in the event that Karpis was apprehended on his information and that all pending charges against him, if any, would be dismissed.

Fanning was questioned by Special Agent A. J. Norstrom and advised that he had previously served time with Karpis in the Kansas State Industrial Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas, and was instrumental in aiding Karpis escape from that institution. He further stated that he had contacted Karpis in Chicago about three months previous to the time of the interview and had been with him constantly since that time. He further stated that they had been in communication with Harry Campbell and had seen him a few days prior to the interview. Fanning would not divulge any information as to his manner of contacting either Karpis or Campbell. He advised Karpis' appearance had changed a great deal between the time that he had known him at Hutchinson and the time that he had recently met him in Chicago. He related that Karpis now weighed at least 170 pounds and had an extremely fat, round face.

Fanning was then questioned by Special Agents A. E. Farland and A. S. Reeder and advised that at one time he had been questioned by Special Agent in Charge O. C. Dewey and admitted that information he had furnished concerning the whereabouts of James Clark and Ed Davis, who escaped from the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, on May 30, 1933, was erroneous. He informed that he had not received any remuneration for previous information furnished to Special Agent in Charge Dewey and for that reason he furnished false information. Fanning, however, advised Agent Farland, when questioned privately, that he had met Karpis in a hotel at St. Joseph, Missouri, on December 27, 1935, and at that time Karpis was supplied with a great deal of money in addition to an arsenal of firearms. He further advised that he and Karpis had spent the previous evening at the U-Smile Tourist Camp on highway #40 east of Kansas City, where they had occupied cabin #5.

Special Agents E. L. Cochran and M. Kremer in company with Agent Norstrom were then dispatched to the tourist camp by Special Agent in Charge W. A. Smith and a thorough search of the cabin was made for fingerprints of its occupants. Several latent prints were discovered upon a drinking glass and numerous prints found on a lavatory seat in the cabin. These were developed and photographed and were transmitted to the Bureau for search against the fingerprints on file of Alvin Karpis.

Olie Smith, night attendant at the U-Smile Tourist Camp was questioned as to the occupants of the cabin and advised that a person whom he recognized as Fanning and a companion whom he described as about 35 years of age and about 200 pounds in weight had appeared at the camp that morning at 3:00 A.M. and Fanning had registered for both under the name of A. J. Bentley of Omaha, Nebraska. They were assigned to cabin #5 and left a call for 7:00 A.M., stating they were in a great hurry to leave. He managed to arouse them at about 8:30 A.M. and they proceeded in the direction of Kansas City. The camp register disclosed that Fanning and his companion were driving a 1936 Buick bearing 1935 Nebraska license #11-3461. Smith stated that the automobile they

were driving was practically new although literally covered with mud. He was shown photographs of Alvin Karpis but failed to recognize them as a likeness of Fanning's companion.

It was ascertained from the Omaha Office that 1935 Nebraska license #44-3461 was issued to Carl Yackers, Brownville, Nebraska, and was stolen from Yackers during the summer of 1935. The automobile of Yackers was not stolen.

Fanning, upon return to police headquarters, was again questioned by Agent Farland and advised that he had originally come to Kansas City with one Alvin Schmidt of Kirksville, Missouri, who is employed by him in his photographic gallery at Kirksville, where he resided. He further advised that they had been driving a 1935 Hudson sedan which had been purchased for him by a dentist of Kirksville, Missouri, whose name he refused to divulge. He stated that this automobile was then parked near the intersection of 25th and Independence Avenue in Kansas City, Missouri. Agent Reeder and Lieutenant John Harrington of the Kansas City Police Department immediately proceeded to that place and failed to find the above described automobile. They so advised Agent Farland by telephone and after some questioning by Agent Farland, Fanning informed that the automobile was then in the possession of a Dr. Blum of Kirksville, Missouri, who was in Kansas City taking a course in osteopathy and was residing at the Stonewall Courts, Apartment #C2, on Independence Avenue. Dr. Blum was then located by Agent Reeder and Lieutenant Harrington, who accompanied Dr. Blum, his wife, and a friend visiting them at the time, to the Kansas City Police Department.

Dr. Blum had a certificate of title in his possession, #4547234, showing that he was the owner of a 1935 Hudson sedan, motor #79895, which he stated had been purchased at Kirksville, Missouri, on December 12, 1935, for \$776.16, through the Stern Finance Company of Des Moines, Iowa. He further advised that he had purchased the car in his name for Fanning, who had made the first payment of \$147.00 in cash. Fanning at this time had told Dr. Blum that he expected to pay for the car from several large rewards which he expected to receive from the United States Government in the very near future. Dr. Blum corroborated Fanning's assertion that he had driven to Kansas City with Alvin Schmidt from Kirksville on December 30, 1935, and had left the car with Dr. Blum. Dr. Blum was shown an enlarged photograph of Alvin Karpis and was unable to identify it as a likeness of any person he had ever seen. He further related that Alvin Schmidt bore no resemblance to Alvin Karpis and informed that Schmidt weighed approximately 180 pounds and that his build was very stocky. The photograph of Karpis was also shown to Mrs. Blum and she failed to recognize it as a likeness of anyone she had ever seen.

Dr. Blum further informed that Fanning's clothing was at his apartment and was contained in two Gladstone bags. Agent Reeder and Detective William Simpson then proceeded to Dr. Blum's apartment and procured the baggage, which, upon examination, was found to contain clothing. A further

search disclosed two ladies' watches, two pearl necklaces, and eight or ten Yale keys wrapped in a handkerchief which was stuffed in the toe of one of the shoes found in the bag. Fanning, when shown this jewelry, professed to have no knowledge of same. It was further noted that one of the two Gladstone bags was practically new and had had a name appearing on the flap, which name had been obliterated.

A telephone call was then placed to Trooper Morris Parker at Macon, Missouri, by Captain Baxter of the Missouri State Highway Patrol at Kansas City, requesting that a complete investigation be immediately made of Fanning's activities at Kirksville. Trooper Parker later advised by telephone that he had proceeded to Kirksville and had found that Fanning, Alvin Schmidt, and Maxine Montgomery, Fanning's sister, had operated the Smile-A-Minute Photo Studio at Kirksville and resided at the Jefferson Rooms. He further advised that Dr. Blum resided at the same place and had a dentist's office in the same building. Parker stated that he had displayed photographs of Karpis to Frank Wornack, manager of the Jefferson Rooms and that Wornack had failed to recognize them as the likeness of anyone he had ever known. He further related that Alvin Schmidt had appeared at the Jefferson Rooms at about 1:00 P.M. that day, driving his personally owned 1935 Pontiac sedan bearing Illinois license plates. Schmidt had left immediately and had not been seen around Kirksville subsequent to that time. Trooper Parker later that evening advised that a search of Fanning's room at Kirksville had disclosed a Western Field shotgun, a Winchester pump shotgun, a .22 caliber Harrington and Richardson target pistol, a Zenith and a Philco radio, three cans of oil, and \$12.00 in pennies.

Fanning was again questioned by Chief Higgins and informed that Schmidt was the same person he claimed to be Alvin Karpis and that they had been working together at Kirksville, Missouri.

On the morning of January 1, 1936, Agent Norstrom proceeded to Kirksville, Missouri, where he contacted Charles Novinger, Sheriff; James Bowles, Chief of Police; Nat B. Rieger, County Attorney; and Morris Parker, Missouri State Highway Patrol Trooper. They advised substantially the same as was related in telephonic conversation with Parker and allowed Agent to view numerous articles found in Fanning's room. They delivered to Agent Norstrom a barrel of a .45 automatic which was found in Fanning's room, this later being turned over to Chief of Detectives Higgins by Agent Farland. This barrel was later tested for ballistic specimens by the Police Department, which specimens compared with bullets fired in an attempted hold-up in Kansas City, Missouri, on January 2, 1935, where a number of shots had been fired at a police cruiser. Fanning was questioned very closely about this robbery and proved an alibi by proving he was in the penitentiary at the time this hold-up occurred. County Attorney Rieger advised Agent Norstrom that there

have been numerous burglaries in the vicinity of Macon, Moberly, Madison, and Kirksville, Missouri, and that he believed that Fanning and Schmidt had engaged in these burglaries.

Agent then contacted Margaret Wornack who resides at the Jefferson Rooms in Kirksville and whose father and mother, Frank and Harriet Wornack, are presently managing that place in the absence of John W. Pinkston, the owner. Margaret advised that Fanning, Maxine Montgomery, and Alvin Schmidt had moved into the Jefferson Rooms on November 10, 1935, but that Schmidt had never registered at the hotel and that Fanning always paid the rent for the room. Shortly after their arrival at that place Fanning became quite friendly with Margaret and they had numerous dates. She stated that Schmidt, according to her knowledge, was a native of Belleville, Kansas, and had relatives in Chicago, Illinois. She knew nothing of his history prior to his arrival at Kirksville but she knew that Schmidt and Fanning had been in Kirksville continuously since November 10 with the exception of one week end. She was shown photographs of Alvin Karpis which she definitely stated bore no resemblance to Schmidt. She further stated that she had never seen anyone resembling Karpis in the vicinity as she knew definitely that Karpis had not contacted Fanning at Kirksville within the past two months. She described Schmidt as about 200 pounds, with dark hair, dark swarthy complexion, round, full face, and about 35 years of age. She further stated that he had a very decided bull neck and that his head rested almost directly on his shoulders. She advised he was a very gruff, rough individual. She further advised that about 1:00 P.M. on December 31, 1935, she saw Schmidt driving his Pontiac sedan at Kirksville but has not seen him since.

Frank and Harriet Wornack were also shown photographs of Karpis and they stated definitely that this was not a likeness of Schmidt. The photographs of Karpis were also shown to Miss Helen Loehr, beauty operator at the Jefferson Rooms, who stated that she had seen Schmidt on numerous occasions and this photograph bore some resemblance to him. However, she stated she believed Schmidt to be a man of about 40 years of age and weighed about 190 pounds. She further stated he was a swarthy individual and very foreign looking, advising that he may possibly be a Polish type.

At this time a search was made of Dr. Blum's room by Sheriff Novinger but nothing of any consequence was found. The foregoing was telephonically transmitted to Special Agent in Charge W. A. Smith who advised that Post Office Inspector Scott of Chillicothe, Missouri, would arrive at Kirksville that evening for information concerning Fanning. Agent Norstrom contacted Inspector Scott, who advised that he first thought Fanning was guilty of a postal violation at the photographic studio but subsequent investigation developed, however, that Fanning's firm was not implicated.

A conference was then had with Sheriff Novinger, Parker, Bowles, and Rieger, who were then of the opinion that Schmidt was not Karpis, but who advised that immediately upon the return of Schmidt to Kirksville for his personal effects he would be taken into custody and the Kansas City office would be notified. Agent Norstrom then returned to Kansas City.

On January 3, 1936, Fanning was arraigned before Edward J. Noonan, Justice of the Peace, Kansas City, on a charge of carrying concealed weapons and was released on \$1,000.00 bond. At this time Fanning was examined by Dr. E. C. White and Dr. M. L. Bill, psychiatrists, at the request of Director of Police Higgins and after a cursory physical examination they stated that they were certain Fanning was sane. He accompanied his attorney, Ralph Latshaw, to the Kansas City Police Department to claim his automobile, where he was immediately taken into custody by Captain William Baxter of the Missouri State Highway Patrol for questioning at Kirksville, Missouri, concerning numerous burglaries.

On January 4, 1936, Captain Baxter advised Agent Farland that witnesses at Kirksville, Missouri, had identified a portion of the jewelry found in Fanning's possession as property that had been stolen in the vicinity of Kirksville. He further advised that persons from Keokuk, Iowa, had also identified property found in Fanning's room at Kirksville, as well as jewelry on his person, as having been stolen on December 11, 1935, at Keokuk. Captain Baxter also furnished Agent Farland a circular issued by Harry V. D. Maas, Sheriff of Lee County, Keokuk, and E. C. McPherson, Chief of Police, Keokuk, describing a 1936 Buick Sedan, motor #43038624, which had been previously stolen at Keokuk on December 11, 1935, from a Buick garage. Captain Baxter expressed the opinion that this was probably the automobile in which Fanning was riding at the time of his apprehension of previous date by officers of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department. The same circular advertised that one .32 caliber revolver, make unknown; one Knights Templar ring; one consistory ring; one white sapphire ring; and one swiss movement watch had been stolen from a residence the same evening at Keokuk, as well as one Ford ball gun machine, one Western Field De Luxe 12-gauge six-shot pump gun, one five tube Zenith 1935 model table size radio, several automobile radios, nine cases of automobile oil, six vanity mirrors, and numerous automobile accessories and tools.

It will be noted that a Western Field shot gun and a Zenith radio were found in the room of Fanning at Kirksville. Captain Baxter further advised that Dr. Blum had been taken into custody at Kirksville and was charged with Fanning and Schmidt with having committed numerous burglaries in that vicinity. Captain Baxter further advised that Schmidt and Fanning answered the description of persons who had brutally murdered a motorist in Iowa a short time ago but that he was not acquainted with the details of the

same. He promised to obtain all available information concerning the same.

On January 4, 1936, Captain Baxter telephonically advised Agent Farland that he had determined that the true name of Schmidt was Alfred J. Schmidt of Griggsville, Illinois. He advised that he would obtain photographs of Schmidt so that they could be displayed to necessary witnesses to definitely determine if Schmidt was the person with Fanning at the time of his apprehension by the Kansas City Police Department. Captain Baxter further informed that Schmidt had been taken into custody in Iowa, but was unacquainted with the facts of his apprehension. This information will be obtained as soon as possible and set out in an early report.

A review of the file entitled Homer Cleo Fanning, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Kansas City file #26-1590, indicates that Fanning was previously arrested on 9-26-33 at Iowa City, Iowa, in possession of a Ford two door sedan, stolen from C. C. Carpenter, Springfield, Missouri, on July 27, 1933. On January 10, 1934, he was declared criminally insane in the District Court of Harold D. Evans at Iowa City, Iowa, and was committed to the Department of Criminally Insane, Men's Reformatory, Anamosa, Iowa. At that time he was interviewed by Special Agent in Charge O. C. Dewey and claimed to have information concerning the whereabouts of Ed Davis and James Clark, notorious bank robbers, who had escaped from Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas. His information at that time was believed unreliable and not a great deal of credence was placed on his story. A review of Kansas City file #26-3529, entitled Loyd G. Vineyard, Casper M. Nester, and Homer Cleo Fanning, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, reveals that Fanning was arrested at Medford, Oklahoma, in October, 1931, with a stolen car, escaped out of jail, and was later apprehended and sentenced in Federal Court to 18 months in the Federal Reformatory, Chillicothe, Ohio.

Fanning's description and criminal record, as contained in the former file, is as follows:

Name	Homer Cleo Fanning
Age	24 - born July 26, 1909
Height	6' 3"
Weight	160 lbs.
Build	Slender
Hair	Medium light
Eyes	Blue
Scars	12 in. scar right groin pit left cheek bone, 1 in. scar upper lip.
Residence	Belleville, Kansas
Occupation	Laborer
Nationality	American
Photograph	On File

F. P. C. Sheriff's Office, Iowa City #193

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(1) 17 A 7

Father L. E. Fanning, Conductor,
Rock Island Railroad,
Belleville, Kansas.
Sister Mrs. Robert (Maxine)
Montgomery, Salina, Kansas.
Sister Mrs. Murrell Baker,
Iowa City, Iowa.

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A summary of the foregoing information was transmitted to the
Bureau and E. J. Connelley at Chicago, Illinois, by teletype, on December
31, 1935.

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Post Office Box 615
Saint Paul, Minnesota

January 6, 1936.

Postmaster,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

BREKID

Kindly forward tracking of all mail addressed
to any of the occupants of 412 Hennepin Avenue, Minne-
apolis, Minnesota, for the past five days.

To assist in the investigation of the case of the
Brekid, a supply of printed and addressed envelopes

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am,

Very truly yours,

G. W. STEIN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

December 31, 1935.

Time - 3:30 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland telephoned me from the Cleveland Office with reference to a question which had arisen in the office in connection with an expenditure of \$25.00 which had to be made at once in connection with purchasing some spurs to be used in the installation of a telephone tap.

Agent Malone of the New York Office is there and is able to perform the necessary pole work in connection with placing the telephone tap.

I asked Mr. MacFarland if Bureau authority had been obtained for this telephone tap, and it developed that such authority had not as a matter of fact been obtained. The tap is to be placed on the telephone of C. Fergus, telephone Woodvine 3525 in Cleveland. I then granted the necessary Bureau authority for this tap, and told Mr. MacFarland to make the necessary expenditure for the spurs in cash and to include the same in an expense account on a blue slip.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

January 7, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
St. Paul, Minnesota

RE: BREYID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to telephone request made of this office by Special Agent R. R. McIntire, who advised that United States Attorney George Sullivan at St. Paul, Minnesota desired that an effort be made to trace the \$1000.00 Federal Reserve note G-00070447A, from Chicago to Cuba, and if possible to locate the above mentioned bill.

In this connection Special Agent J. L. Madala interviewed Mr. Roberts of the Federal Reserve Bank, Chicago, who advised that the Federal Reserve Bank here did not make shipments of bills outside of this Federal Reserve district; that, however, it was possible for this bill to have been shipped out of this district by other banks or to have been transported by an individual.

Inasmuch as it was believed possible that this bill may have been obtained during the exchange of ransom money by John J. "Boss" McLaughlin early in 1934, Mr. Roberts checked through his records of shipments to all banks in the Chicago district for the first four months of 1934, but was unable to find a record of shipment of the above bill to any bank. Mr. Roberts likewise checked all the \$1000.00 bills now in the possession of the Federal Reserve Bank at Chicago, and at his suggestion the following large banking institutions in the Chicago "loop" were checked for the same purpose, with negative results:

Continental Illinois Bank and Trust Company
First National Bank of Chicago
City National Bank
Northern Trust Company
Harris Trust and Savings Bank

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It is to be noted that the local Chicago banks other than the Federal Reserve Bank frequently send money to corresponding banks in other sections of the country, but that these banks do not make any record of the serial numbers of the bills so shipped.

Very truly yours,

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT
DPS:FB

E. J. CONNELLEY
Special Agent in Charge

cc Bureau
Cincinnati

420 Federal Building.
Dallas, Texas.

January 6, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, w.a. - FUGITIVE -
I.O. #1218, et al;
Edward George Bremer (Victim)
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a ~~copy~~ letter received at Pampa, Texas, from Mrs. Gibson, return address Mrs. A.E. Gage, 225 West 10th Street, Hutchinson, Kansas.

Very truly yours,

F.J. BLAKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Time - 2:27 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: ALVIN KARPIS.

2. I contacted Special Agent Norris, acting in charge of the St. Louis Office, to ascertain whether the Missouri State Police had informed him that Fanning had admitted that his companion at the Kansas City shooting scrape involving city officers at Kansas City was not Karpis. Mr. Norris stated that the Missouri State Police had not contacted him concerning this situation at all, but that Mr. Smith of the Kansas City Office had called him late Saturday night, January 4, 1936, had told him that the Missouri State Police were holding Fanning on a stolen car charge, and that he had accordingly sent two Agents up into northern Missouri. Mr. Norris stated that he was not informed by Mr. Smith that Fanning had admitted that his companion was not Karpis, but that Smith had merely stated that the Karpis angle had been "all washed up".

Time - 2:45 P.M.

I then contacted Special Agent in Charge Smith at the Kansas City Office and told him that I was attempting to find out who the officer of the Missouri State Police notified of this admission of Fanning that his companion was not Karpis. Mr. Smith said that Colonel Casteel had notified him of this on Sunday afternoon; that the Colonel had called the Kansas City Office for the purpose of seeing if some Agents of that office could be sent along on a raiding party which was being formed pursuant to some information which Fanning furnished to the effect that he knew the location of Sparger, Langdon and that crowd. At this time, Mr. Smith said he asked the colonel if Fanning had changed his story about the Karpis angle to the situation, and Colonel Casteel advised that Fanning now admitted that his companion was not Karpis.

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I pointed out to Mr. Smith that a check with the St. Louis Office revealed that he, Smith, had called that office late Saturday night advising that the Karpis angle to this situation was "all washed up", and told him that it must have been late Saturday night when Colonel Casteel advised him, Smith, of this. Mr. Smith then said that this as a matter of fact took place late Saturday night.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS

Mr. Tamm:

Director desires two points cleared
up relative to Fanning incident.

1. Did Smith or Norris send two agents
up into Northern Missouri.
2. ~~Did~~ Was Casteel's request for two
agents to go on the raid complied with.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

The following additional facts are submitted concerning the failure of the Special Agent in Charge of the Kansas City Office to notify the Bureau that Homer Fanning had admitted to Colonel Casteel, of the Missouri State Police, that Fanning was not accompanied by Alvin Karpis on the occasion of his shooting scrape with the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department.

On Saturday night Casteel called Smith, told him that Fanning was in custody and that they believed they had a stolen car case against him and requested two agents to participate in a raid. The call to Smith indicated that Fanning was in Macon, Missouri. Smith called Norris, at St. Louis, since Macon is in the St. Louis district, and Norris dispatched Agents Bush and Redmond to Macon. These agents did not arrive in Macon until Sunday morning and in the meanwhile a detail of Missouri State Police took Fanning to Iowa City, Iowa, Fanning having claimed that he knew, in Iowa City, the location of Lloyd Doyle and other fugitives, it being noted that Lloyd Doyle is being sought by the Bureau.

Casteel furnished this information to Smith Saturday evening, during the conversation which Casteel had with Smith concerning the automobile case and requested Smith to notify him of the identity of the agents of the Bureau who would participate in the matter at Iowa City, Iowa. At 9:00 P. M. Saturday night Smith called Dowd and told him of the contemplated search in Iowa City for fugitives and asked Dowd to have agents meet the Missouri State Police in Iowa City. Agents Bundy and Franz met the Missouri State Highway Policemen in Iowa City and were present when searches were conducted of the home of William E. Baker, at Iowa City, and of the Berkley Hotel there. At the Berkley Hotel Albert Schmidt and Maxine Montgomery were picked up, it being noted that Schmidt was the man who accompanied Fanning, and these individuals were returned to Macon, Missouri.

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Dowd, at Omaha, notified the Kansas City Office, on Sunday morning of the developments in Iowa City.

The agents from the St. Louis Office arrived in Macon Sunday morning but, evidently due to a snow storm, Fanning had not been brought back there and, accordingly, Agent Redmond stayed in Macon to interview Fanning when he was returned there, and Agent Bush returned to St. Louis because his attendance in Federal Court was necessary on Monday morning.

When Dowd informed Smith, at Kansas City, of the identity of the two agents whom he would have available at Iowa City, Smith called Casteel by telephone and it was on the occasion of this call on Saturday night, that Casteel told Smith that Fanning had admitted that he was not accompanied by Alvin Karpis in Kansas City.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-5**

REPORT MADE AT DENVER, COLORADO	DATE WHEN MADE 1/5/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/20, 21, 22/35 1/3/36	REPORT MADE BY R. H. GROFF
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE I. O. 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. 1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Pat Abel incarcerated Pueblo, Colo., only while awaiting trial; considered only "small timer", brother good reputation; authorities doubt any connection of either with Karpis. Algie Young, negro, Pueblo, denies knowing anything of Mead or his whereabouts.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent C. D. White, Los Angeles, dated 11-16-35. Report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Denver, dated 12-9-35.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p><u>AT PUEBLO, COLORADO</u></p> <p>At the Police Department, Agent contacted Chief J. Arthur Grady, Detective Sergeant William L. McDonald, and Detective Richard Anderson, who is in charge of the Police Identification Bureau. They stated that Harley Abel, alias Pat Abel, alias Pat O'Brian, is merely a small time robber of filling stations, and one who is occasionally involved in other form of petty thievery. To the best of their knowledge, he has never had any out of town or other gang connections of any consequence. They had no record whatever on his brother, but although they did not know his first name they do know him as one of the local boys who has never been in any trouble to their knowledge, did not travel with his brother Harley, and has always had a good reputation. They further stated that Harley Abel has the reputation of wanting to be thought a "big shot" and quite tough, and is given to extravagant talk to create</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>R. E. Brown</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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the impression that he is an important gangster.

They informed Agent that Algie Young, mentioned in second reference report, is a local colored boy who has in the past been in some trouble on account of petty bootlegging, but that he has apparently been going straight for several years.

In company with McDonald, Agent ascertained that the house given as Young's address at 1503 East Evans Avenue is presently being wrecked. His mother was located at 1243 Spruce Street, and stated that Algie is and for some time has been employed by the W. P. A.

At W. P. A. headquarters, City Hall, Agent learned from Miss Agnes Schab, Clerk, that Young is now living at 620 East 1st Street.

Algie Young was interviewed at that address by Agent. He absolutely denied knowing Mead or anything about him. He stated that he had only received two letters in his life from the Colorado State Penitentiary at Canon City, both of which were from colored boys whom he knew. He only knew one white man ever incarcerated there, that man was a coal miner who was in on a murder charge, the details of which he was conversant with. He could not recall this man's name, but was positive that it was not Mead or any of Mead's aliases. He was unable to recognize anything about Mead, and was unable to account for his having been listed as one of the persons to whom Mead wrote. Young was apparently quite truthful and expressed himself as being eager to do anything he could which might assist in Mead's apprehension, particularly if there might be anything in the way of a financial reward in it for him. He was advised that if he could secure any information concerning Mead, he would probably be taken care of, and he promised to promptly advise the Denver Office if he should obtain anything of value.

Lewis Worker, Sheriff of Pueblo County, informed Agent that he is well acquainted with Harley Abel, who was arrested in California and was removed from the Los Angeles County Jail, where he was only kept for three days and four nights while enroute from Plumas County, California, to Pueblo, Colorado, and who is presently incarcerated

in the Colorado State Penitentiary, Canon City, serving a term of 25 to 30 years, having pled guilty to a number of petty stickups. He was in jail here only while awaiting trial.

Sheriff Worker has the same opinion of him as has the Police Department, considering him to be a braggart about his real and imaginary exploits, but does not believe that he has ever had anything to do with Karpis. He knows Abel's brother, but not his first name, and as far as he knows he is a first-class man, not connected with any criminal activities.

Boyd Wise, step-father of the Abel boys, has been a reliable informant for the Sheriff, and is in fact the man who told him where to find Harley. The Sheriff promised to contact him as soon as possible and practicable to learn of the identity and activities of his step-son, Jim (or Herb) Abel, and of any possible connections which he may have with Karpis.

By letter dated January 2, 1936, Sheriff Worker informed this office that he has talked to Boyd Wise, who resides at 419 West 7th Street, Pueblo, Colorado, and who stated positively that no one resembling the picture of Karpis has been at his home or has corresponded with his son Herbert J. Abell.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DENVER OFFICE at Casper, Wyoming, as indicated in the report of Special Agent L. G. Healey, Denver, dated November 15, 1935, will keep in touch with Captain William Miller and Sheriff R. Jack Allen as to developments or further information in instant case. Unless an examination of the file reveals that Mr. M. Welsh, 1238 South Chestnut Street, Casper, Wyoming, has already been interviewed in instant case, will interview him concerning Subject Campbell.

At Denver, Colorado, will ascertain at the Little Earhardt Hotel, 1940 Broadway, the Hotel Van, 1544 Welton Street, whether the present whereabouts of Subject William E. Mead or his alleged wife, Kate Mead, is known, and at the Police Department will ascertain whether Kate Mead, alias "Klondike Kate" alias "California Kate" was ever photographed or fingerprinted; at the United States Marshal's office will determine what disposition was made of Mead. If he made bond, will interview bondsman, and obtain all other data which may aid in locating him.

At Denver, Colorado, and at Cheyenne, Wyoming, will cause a search to be made in the Motor Vehicle Bureaus of the states of Colorado and Wyoming in an endeavor to ascertain if Subject Campbell, using the aliases G. R. Benton, George Benton, and Mary Forth has applied for a driver's or chauffeur's license, or has registered an automobile within these states, pursuant to instructions contained in letter from the Cleveland Office, dated December 16, 1935.

At Canon City, Colorado, will exhibit photographs of Elmer G. Stone and Bert F. Knudtson to Arthur Johnson, alias "Red Johnson" who is serving a life sentence for murder at the Colorado State Penitentiary at Canon City, Colorado, who previously gave considerable information as to Gus Stone, and who should be able to identify him, in accordance with letter from the Chicago Office dated December 26, 1935, and letter from the Omaha Office enclosing the above photographs, dated December 27, 1935.

In accordance with Bureau letter of December 19, 1935, will submit a summary report to all interested offices not later than January 20, 1936, in order that a thorough understanding can be had of Mead's background, habits, contacts, friends, and method of operation.

At Tabernash, Colorado, pursuant to instructions in Denver Office letter dated December 3, 1935, will interview Mrs. Chapell, to ascertain whether or not she has any information whatever relative to the possibility of Dr. Moran's leaving for Cuba.

At Colorado Springs, Colorado, pursuant to instructions in Chicago Office letter dated December 27, 1935, will contact R. C. Rayburn, 1216 West Pike's Peak Avenue, on the possibility that such person might be the contact through which Charles J. Fitzgerald is communicating with Karpis and Campbell, and considerable discreet inquiry should be made to determine the identity, responsibility, etc., of R. C. Rayburn, referred to. It is to be realized of course that this person may have no connection whatsoever in this case.

In accordance with Dallas letter dated December 28, 1935, prompt inquiry should be made at Karval, Colorado, which town is located approximately 60 miles east of Colorado Springs, Colorado, to ascertain the identity of A. T. Parker.

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REPORT MADE AT Indianapolis, Indiana	DATE WHEN MADE 1-4-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/21, 23, 24/35	REPORT MADE BY R. L. MURPHY VLD
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Records of driver and chauffeur license applications and motor car registrations for State of Indiana checked for application in name of George Benton, G.R. Benton and Mary Forth, reported to be aliases used by subject Harry Campbell. Applications of individuals with name of George Benton reviewed and eliminated due to discrepancies in descriptions. Harry Benton, Indianapolis, not identical with subject Campbell. Application of Mrs. Mary Forth, Lafayette, Ind., located as purchaser of 1932 Chevrolet Coach, motor #3240279, serial #9BA05-20195. Tracing of signature of Mary Forth forwarded to Cleveland office. Large number of new 1936 applications for driver and chauffeur licenses now being received at Indiana State Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Leads set out to re-check as soon as rush period is over.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>Reference: Letter from Cleveland office dated 12-16-35.</p> <p>Details: As requested in the letter of reference, agent contacted Miss Christine Powell, clerk, driver's license division of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles, State House, Indianapolis, Indiana. Miss Powell checked her records for chauffeurs' licenses issued during the year 1935 for the names George Benton, G. R. Benton and Mary Forth and stated that she was unable to find that any individual using any of the above names had applied for a chauffeur's license during that year.</p>			
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Miss Powell stated that at the present time a large number of applications were being received daily for both chauffeur's and driver's licenses as well as new car registrations, at the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles and that consequently the records for the year 1936 were not complete, but that in approximately thirty days the rush period would be over and it would be possible to obtain a fairly accurate check on the 1936 application blanks. A lead is being set out to recheck this matter at a later date.

Miss Powell examined her records for driver's license applications for the year 1935 and for what 1936 applications had already been received, and located a number of individuals with the name of George Benton. In order that this information may be in the file, these names are being set out, together with the application number, but no further information is being listed as to them inasmuch as agent was able to eliminate the names from consideration because of certain discrepancies in age, height and other descriptive data. These applications are as follows:

George Benton	Application #100181
George L. Benton	" 354841
Geo. W. Benton	" 267539
G. W. Benton	" 102569

All of the above individuals made application for a driver's license during the year 1935 in the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, State House, Indianapolis, Indiana. Agent noted that there were no applications on record in the name of G. R. Benton, nor was there an application for a driver's license from any individual using the name of Mary Forth.

In the applications for drivers' licenses during the year 1936 agent noted there was an application #73099 dated December 7, 1935 in the name of Harry Benton, 915 College Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana, and the following description was contained on this application:

Age:	40
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Eyes:	Gray
Born:	11-11-95
Weight:	155 lbs.
Height:	5'9"
Hair:	Brown

Inasmuch as there were some similarities in the description of this individual with the description of subject Harry Campbell and the signature of Mr. Benton somewhat resembled the signature of subject Campbell, agent made further investigation concerning this indi-

vidual, which information will be set out later in this report.

While at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, agent also checked the records on the registration of motor cars under the names of George Benton, G. B. Benton and Mary Forth and noted that both George L. Benton, who applied for driver's license under application #354841 and George W. Benton, who applied for driver's license under application #267539, had registered cars for the year 1935 in the State of Indiana. However, as stated previously, inasmuch as their descriptions are not similar to the description of subject Campbell, no further investigation was made in regard to them.

Agent also noted that Mrs. Mary Forth had applied for registration of a motor vehicle for the year 1935 and agent examined Indiana title file #471647 at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, State House, Indianapolis, Indiana, which contained the following information concerning Mrs. Forth:

Name, Mrs. Mary Forth; address, 518 North 5th Street, Lafayette, Indiana; that this individual registered a 1932 Chevrolet Coach, motor #3240279, serial #9BA05-20195 on 5-1-35; car originally bought by Orbie Branham, 1007 South 25th St., Lafayette, Ind. on 5-28-32 from Horner Motor Co., Lafayette, Ind; that same car was re-purchased from Branham by above company in May, 1933 and re-assigned by this dealer to Mrs. Mary Forth, 518 N. 5th St., Lafayette, Ind.

It does not appear likely that the above individual could have any connection with subject Harry Campbell, but in view of the letter of reference a lead is being set out for the Indianapolis office to check this matter at Lafayette, Indiana, to ascertain if there is an individual there by the name of Mary Forth and if so, to determine the possibility of there being any connection between the said individual and subject Harry Campbell.

Tracings of the signature of Mrs. Mary Forth were secured by agent from the above mentioned application and they are being forwarded to the Cleveland office.

As stated above, agent conducted some additional investigation concerning an individual by the name of Harry Benton who is presently residing at 915 College Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana. Agent checked the Indianapolis City Directory and noticed that it lists Harry Benton, wife, Pauline; occupation, baker, with residence at 1322 1/2 East Market Street. However, in the street section of the city directory, Harley Shephard is listed at 1322 1/2 East Market Street and no mention is made of Harry Benton at this address. Agent likewise examined the city directory for the address of 915 College Avenue, Indianapolis, and noticed that

this is the address of the Manchester Apartments; that there appeared to be eight apartments at this address but the city directory did not list Harry Benton as residing in any of them.

Agent interviewed Mr. Albert Greatbatch, inquiry clerk in the office of the Superintendent of Mails at the Indianapolis Post Office, who examined his records and stated that carrier #64 at the Indianapolis Post Office has a Mr. and Mrs. Harry Benton, wife's name Pauline, living at 915 College Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana, in apartment #6. Mr. Greatbatch further advised that the change of address notices at the Indianapolis Post Office indicate that these parties moved to this address on November 15, 1935 from 1322 1/2 East Market Street. Mr. Greatbatch informed that carrier #64 is Mr. H.R.D. Schreckengost and that this carrier would return from his route at approximately 4:00 P.M. Agent left his telephone number with Mr. Greatbatch with the request that he have Mr. Schreckengost call when he arrived at the Post Office.

Mr. Schreckengost later called agent by telephone and an appointment was made for him to be interviewed at the Post Office, at which time Mr. Schreckengost advised that he was the carrier covering the 900 block on College Avenue in Indianapolis and stated that while he was not well acquainted with the occupants at 915 College Avenue that he did see a number of them frequently. However, he stated that he had never seen Mr. Harry Benton at this address, at least to know him, but believed that Benton was the same party who had moved to that address from 1322 1/2 East Market Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. Agent exhibited a number of photographs to Mr. Schreckengost, including the photographs of subjects Campbell and Alvin Karpis, but Mr. Schreckengost was unable to identify any of the photographs as identical with anyone he had seen at 915 College Avenue or elsewhere on his route. He advised agent that Mrs. John B. Summers was resident manager of the apartment at 915 College Avenue and that while he did not know her very well, that she appeared to be a reliable sort of person and that he believed agent could approach her concerning the matter under inquiry and that she would keep the matter confidential.

Agent interviewed Mrs. John B. Summers, resident manager of the Manchester Apartment, 915 College Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana. Mrs. Summers advised that Harry Benton and his wife had been living at her apartment building for about four months. She advised that Mrs. Benton was employed at the present time by the Kroger Grocery and Baking Company in the cake department, Indianapolis. She stated she knew Harry Benton by sight but that she did not know where he was employed, but that he seemed to be working throughout the day and was home nearly every evening. She believed that he worked at the Schweitzer Cummings Company located on Massachusetts Avenue in Indianapolis, Indiana. Mrs. Summers gave the following description of Harry Benton:

Age: 40
Height: 5'6"
Weight: 150
Hair: Brown - slightly bald
Eyes: Uncertain
Build: Slender
Complexion: Medium

Mrs. Summers further stated that she had not noticed any peculiarities in Mr. Benton's walk and that he did not appear to be lame.

Agent exhibited photographs of subjects Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis along with photographs of other fugitives wanted by the Bureau but Mrs. Summers was unable to identify any of them as being of persons she had seen. She stated positively that Harry Benton did not resemble the photograph of subject Harry Campbell. In view of this fact, no further investigation is being conducted concerning Harry Benton.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

INDIANAPOLIS OFFICE -
At Lafayette, Indiana

Will attempt to ascertain if there is an individual living in Lafayette by the name of Mrs. Mary Forth at 518 North 5th Street. It is not desired to have this person interviewed but that a discreet investigation be conducted in an effort to ascertain whether or not such an individual is living at this address and whether she would have any possible connection with subject Harry Campbell.

At Indianapolis, Indiana

Will about February 1, 1936 make a check of the driver's and chauffeur's license applications and new car registrations at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, State House, to ascertain if anyone using the name of George Benton, G. R. Benton or Mary Forth have registered a car or applied for a license for the year 1936.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

January 7th, 1936

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Authority is requested to pay [redacted] \$15.00 a week for four additional weeks. This informant has furnished valuable information in the past to this Office in connection with the above-entitled matter, as well as in other cases in which this Office has been interested. It is believed that this informant is exceptionally valuable in Chicago because of his contacts with the underworld.

If this authority is agreeable it is requested that this Office be advised by teletype thereof.

Very truly yours,

DML:IJM

D. M. Ladd
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Special Agent in Charge

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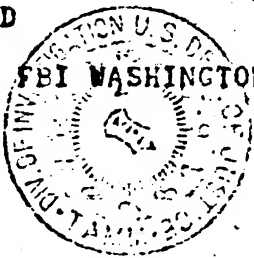
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El Paso, FILE NO. 7-6

REPORT MADE AT El Paso, Texas	DATE WHEN MADE 1-6-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-31-35	REPORT MADE BY M. C. Falkner
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, WA - FUGITIVE - I.O. # 1218 HARRY CAMPBELL, WA - FUGITIVE - I. O. # 1236 DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, WA - I.O. # 1232. et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPPING. HARBORING OF FUGITIVE. OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Clarence G. (Jack) Campbell, brother of Harry Campbell, is Field Manager for the Texas and Pacific Oil and Gas Company at Midland, Texas; has few friends and is highly regarded by the company by whom employed. Unknown man not resembling any subjects in this case staying at Campbell home under suspicious circumstances. Cover placed on mail and cooperation promised by telegraph and express offices at Midland.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report F. S. Dunn, Dallas, Texas, 12-17-35. Teletype from El Paso Office to Director and E. J. CONNELLEY, Chicago, 12-30-35 Teletype from E. J. Connelley, Chicago, 12-30-35</p> <p>DETAILS: On December 30, 1935, teletypewriter message was forwarded to the Director and to E. J. Connelley referring to the above mentioned reference report, and to letter from Mr. Connelley to the Dallas office dated November 27, 1935, in which teletypewriter message it was suggested that a close surveillance of Clarence J. Campbell at Midland, and a close cover of his mail for a time be had, and that such matters could be handled effectively only by special assignment of two agents for which purpose none was available at the El Paso office, and that this suggestion is being made for consideration by the Bureau and Mr. Connelley and appropriate instruction, and until advise is received the development of lead contained in the reference report will be held in abeyance.</p> <p>On the same date teletype message was received from Mr. Connelley stating that immediate check should be made and mail cover established on all mail for Clarence Jack Campbell and information obtained as to where he lives, works,</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <i>[Signature]</i>	
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and with whom he associates, and check should be made on all classes of mail, parcel post, telegraph and express and tracings furnished on all mail received over the Christmas holidays for comparison of handwriting, that expeditious action is necessary and when a definite outline of friends, associates, residence, etc., is obtained, further action can be decided, and that special assignment of any agents from outside territory will be held in abeyance until it is ascertained what situation exists at Midland.

At Midland -

Agent interviewed Postmaster John P. Howe, who stated that Clarence G. Campbell is employed by the Texas and Pacific Oil and Gas Company with headquarters in the Petroleum Building, Midland, and moved to Midland in about September, 1934; that this individual is known locally as Jack Campbell, that his initials are as above stated rather than C. J.; that he resides at 810 West Texas Street; that he is Field Manager for the above company which work keeps him out of the city about five or six days out of each week; that little is known about the man other than that he holds a responsible position and is said to be highly regarded by his employers; that his daughter, Johnnie Fay Howe, sixteen years of age, is a close friend of Chick Campbell, daughter of the above mentioned Clarence G. Campbell; that the two girls are together constantly and frequently spend the night together, sometimes at the Howe home and sometimes at the Campbell home.

A thirty-day cover of all mail received by Clarence G. (Jack) Campbell was placed with Mr. Howe who stated that he would personally inspect all mail, including parcel post, received by Jack Campbell and would immediately submit tracings to the El Paso office. The address of the El Paso office was left with Mr. Howe.

Through arrangement made by Mr. Howe, Agent questioned Miss Johnnie Fay Howe who stated that her best friend is Chick Campbell, who attended a convent somewhere in Texas for a number of years; that the family moved to Midland from Ranger, Texas, in September, 1934, since which time Chick has been attending the local high school; that Chick is a beautiful girl and was nominated as Queen for the Sun Carnival to be held at El Paso, Texas; that she, Johnnie Fay, was Chick's campaign manager; that about six weeks ago she observed a strange man at Chick's home, who has since been living in a room at this place; that this man was introduced to her by Chick as Mr. Flinnigan; that she would see this man on infrequent occasions inasmuch as he appeared very seldom in the front part of the house and was on the streets on rare occasions; that about two weeks ago she and Chick were driving down the main street when she observed this man standing in the front of the Midland Drug Store; that she mentioned to Chick that she had noticed Mr. Flinnigan, whereupon Chick stated that this man was not named Flinnigan but was her uncle.

Miss Howe was asked to describe the man in question and she stated that he had dark hair and was a medium size man; that she had not paid any particular attention to him and could give no more accurate description. Miss Howe was asked to proceed to Chick's home, engage her in conversation in an effort to obtain additional information relative to this stranger, particularly to determine whether or not this man was Chick's uncle on her mother's or her father's side. Miss Howe stated she could do this without any difficulty and without arousing any suspicion inasmuch as

she frequently visited Chick's home and had left a pair of boots there the previous day.

A few hours later Agent received a call from Post Master Howe who stated that his daughter Johnnie had just returned from a visit to Chick's home.

Agent again interviewed Miss Howe who stated that upon arriving at Chick's home she told Chick that she wanted to get the boots which she had left there; that Chick left the living room and proceeded toward her bed room whereupon she, Miss Howe, followed her as she had done many times before; that Chick did not let her follow into the back of the house but stated that she should wait in the living room and that she, Chick, would get the boots and bring them to her; that she questioned Chick carefully relative to the man in question and Chick denied ever having said that this man was her uncle.

Agent was visited by Post Master Howe who stated that his wife, with whom he had had conversation subsequent to Agent's visit at his home relative to this matter, stated that she had forgotten the incident until the matter was brought to her attention but she now recalls that about two weeks ago she and her eldest daughter proceeded to the Campbell home to make inquiry concerning Johnnie Fay; that Mrs. Howe further stated that she and her daughter were met at the door by Mrs. Campbell who did not seem at all anxious for them to enter the house and as a matter of fact stood in the doorway seemingly for the purpose of keeping them from entering the house.


In this connection Mr. Howe further stated that he does recall now that when his wife returned to their home following the call at the Campbell home, she, Mrs. Howe, stated to him that Mrs. Campbell was certainly lacking in common courtesy.

Investigation disclosed that Clarence G. Campbell has an account at the First National Bank of Midland.

Interview was had with M. C. Ulner, Cashier and executive head of this bank who stated that he would gladly cooperate with the Bureau in any manner. Mr. Ulner produced cancelled checks of Campbell's for the month of December. Inspection of them disclosed only two which had been cashed at points other than Midland; one of these was for \$1.50 and the other for \$2.00. Comparison of handwriting of Harry Campbell with endorsements appearing on these checks disclosed no similarity.

Mr. Ulner further stated that Campbell has a substantial account at this bank and apparently is a good citizen and business man; that he does not know Campbell personally.

At Agent's request Mr. Ulner stated that he would make it a point to personally inspect each check drawn on the Campbell account and if he observes any check in a substantial amount payable to an individual at a distant point, he would immediately notify the El Paso office. Address of the El Paso office was left with Mr. Ulner.



that Mr. Francis is the Sheriff of Midland County.

Agent interviewed Deputy Sheriff Fisher Ballard who stated that Mr. Francis was out of the city and was expected to return sometime during the evening of December 31, 1935; that Mr. Francis owns the house at 810 West Texas Street; that he, Ballard, knows nothing about Campbell and did not know that a man by that name was residing at the above address although he did know that Mr. Fisher had rented this house to some family several months ago; that L. E. Goldsmith, a wealthy and substantial citizen of Midland resides next door to the Campbell home; that Mr. Goldsmith is a brother-in-law of Sheriff Francis and could be absolutely depended upon.

Deputy Sheriff Ballard brought Mr. Goldsmith to the Sheriff's office where he was questioned by Agent. Mr. Goldsmith stated that he does not have anything to do socially or otherwise with the Campbells and knows very little about them; that he has noticed numerous cars driving up to this place and they frequently arrive at hours late in the night; that he does not recall ever noticing any out-of-state cars and has paid no particular attention to any of these cars; that Campbell's daughter, Chick, is considered a very attractive young girl and is very popular; that it is possible that these cars contain boys who are visiting her; that it is quite possible that she is a "good time girl" and has permission, or perhaps goes against the wishes of her parents in this respect, to enter and leave her home at all hours of the day and night; that he, Goldsmith, can make discreet inquiry and obtain additional information relative to Campbell; that he would advise against interview with any of the other persons in the immediate neighborhood inasmuch as all of them are oil men and would doubtless give little or no information relative to Campbell inasmuch as all oil men are rather close to each other; that he has never seen a strange man around this place in the past few months, that is, one who appeared to be living there, and had heard no rumor to indicate that a man was staying at the Campbell home other than Campbell and his son, Jerry, who is nineteen years of age; that he, Mr. Goldsmith, will obtain additional information and advise Agent later in the day.

Accompanied by Post Master Howe, Agent proceeded to the vicinity of the Campbell home in order that the place might be pointed out to him by Mr. Howe. Upon their arrival in front of the place in question Chick Campbell was seen to come out of the front door and a car was seen to leave the rear of the house and proceed around to the front gate. Mr. Howe and Agent were in the former's car and drove a block farther down the street, then turned and proceeded back by the Campbell place, at which time Agent was able to observe the driver of the car in question. Mr. Howe stated that this driver was Jerry Campbell. It will be stated here that he bears a remarkable resemblance to Harry Campbell although it is readily noticed that Jerry is only about nineteen or twenty years of age. It was impossible to ascertain the license number of the car due to the position of the machine when it was passed by Mr. Howe and the Agent, however it was noted that the car in question is a four-door Black sedan, apparently an Oldsmobile or a Pontiac.

Later in the day Agent walked to the vicinity of the Campbell home and when about two blocks therefrom observed a man who first appeared on the street at the street intersection just right of the Campbell home. A bend in the road made it impossible to determine whether this individual came from the Campbell house. Agent walked around the block and was returning to the Sheriff's office when he was

met by Post Master Howe and the Assistant Post Master, who stated that the Assistant Post Master had been returning from lunch and observed Agent walking along the street, a few seconds after which she had seen the man living at the Campbell home. Agent was questioned as to whether or not he had observed the man referred to by them. Apparently the man referred to by Mr. Howe and his assistant was the individual seen by Agent as above set out.

Agent had made it a point to closely observe this individual inasmuch as he was not sure at the time but that the man had entered the street from the Campbell home. This man was about five feet ten or eleven inches in height, weight about one hundred sixty pounds, and appeared to be about forty or forty-five years of age. Agent particularly noticed that this man was wearing a large ten-gallon hat and constantly kept his face down making it impossible to get a good view of his features.

The Assistant Postmaster stated that she was positive that this man was the one seen by her who left the Campbell home inasmuch as no other man was on the street but the Agent whom she saw within a few seconds after observing this man. It will be stated here that Agent did not observe any one else on the street during the time in question.

With further reference to the man above mentioned, he was wearing a dark blue suit and tan shoes.

A short time later Agent again saw Mr. Howe at the Post Office and Mr. Howe stated that his daughter, Johnnie Fay, had again visited the Campbell home and stated that the man referred to by her had appeared at the door when she arrived.

Agent immediately interviewed Miss Johnnie Fay Howe who stated that when she arrived at Chick's home on this occasion her knock was answered by the man whom Chick had alternately referred to as Mr. Flinnigan and her uncle; that this man had on a large ten-gallon hat, a dark suit, and tan shoes; that she would judge him to be at least forty years of age. Johnnie Fay stated that she is five feet six inches tall and that this man in question is considerably taller than that; that upon this occasion she again brought up the subject of this strange man, whereupon Chick stated that this man is really her mother's brother and that her father is making an effort to obtain employment for him.

Attention is called to the fact that description of the individual in question as given by Miss Howe is identical with the man passed by Agent near the Campbell home earlier in the day. This individual does not conform to descriptions of any of the known subjects in this case; however, there appears to be no question but what this man is living at the Campbell home under suspicious circumstances inasmuch as the neighbors were not aware of the fact that such an individual was residing at this home, and, further, there appears to be no doubt but what Chick had been instructed by her parents to state that this man was a Mr. Flinnigan.

Agent again interviewed Mr. Goldsmith who stated that discreet inquiry by him among his friends in the petroleum industry had elicited the information that Campbell is highly regarded by his employers and holds a responsible position with the company for whom he works; that he has few friends and no enemies; that he is not given to association with anyone and according to the information received by

him, Campbell is the sort of individual with whom no one would seek a close friendship; that none of those questioned had ever heard Campbell refer to a brother named Harry Campbell. Mr. Goldsmith further stated that he will make it a point to observe the cars arriving at the Campbell home and should he see anything of a suspicious nature in connection with the arrival of any automobiles he will immediately communicate with Sheriff Francis.

Before leaving Midland, Agent interviewed Sheriff Francis who had returned from his trip, who stated that he rents the house in question to Campbell whom he has never seen, all arrangements relative to the rental of the house having been made by Mrs. Campbell; that he will make it a point to obtain some information relative to this alleged Mr. Flinnigan and should he develop any information of value he will immediately communicate with the El Paso office; that he will also keep in touch with Mr. Goldsmith and will bear in mind the description of Campbell and Karpis and will generally make such investigation as might be possible relative to Clarence Jack Campbell and his possible contacts with the subjects.

Interview was had with D. J. Valeva, Manager of the Railway Express Agency who stated that no packages had ever been received or sent by Campbell and that he will be on the look out for any packages sent or received by him and will notify the El Paso office of any such packages. The address of the El Paso office was left with Mr. Valeva for the above purpose.

Agent interviewed D. B. Green, Manager of the Postal Telegraph Company who stated that Clarence G. Campbell is unknown to him and he is positive that no telegrams have ever been sent or received by Campbell through the local Postal office. Address of the El Paso office was left with Mr. Green and he promised to keep close watch and to advise relative to any telegrams received or sent by Clarence G. (Jack) Campbell.

Agent interviewed O. R. Smith, Manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company who stated that he will cooperate as Mr. Green relative to his company. He further stated that he does not recall any messages being received or sent by Clarence G. (Jack) Campbell since the latter has been in Midland; that he is personally acquainted with Campbell whom he first met in Ranger, Texas, about ten years ago, when he, Smith, was Manager of the Western Union office there; that he would not say that he is an intimate friend of Campbell's, who has no intimate friends; but that he believes he is as close to Campbell as anyone; that Campbell has an excellent reputation is a hard worker and a capable man; that he does not believe that Campbell would consider for a moment the harboring of Harry Campbell, even though the latter is Jack Campbell's brother; that he never heard Campbell mention having a brother named Harry although he has talked to Jack on many occasions in the past ten years; that he has never seen an individual answering to Harry's description at the Campbell home.

It will be stated here that Mr. Smith suggested that Jack Campbell be directly and frankly interviewed relative to Harry Campbell. Smith stated that he feels positive that Jack Campbell will cooperate with the government to the fullest extent relative to any information he might have or be able to obtain relative to the whereabouts of Harry Campbell. It will be stated here that photographs of Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis were exhibited to Miss Johnnie Fay and to Mr. Goldsmith both of whom stated they had never seen anyone resembling these individuals.

It will be stated here that Jack Campbell in his capacity as Field Manager is in a position to employ a number of workers for the oil fields and that the Texas and Pacific Oil and Gas Company is interested in fields in various sections of the state of Texas, and it would be possible for Jack Campbell to obtain work for Harry Campbell and Karpis in a manner whereby neither of them would be compelled to give their complete life history. This statement is made in order that Mr. Connelley may ascertain the advisability of having a check made of the persons now in the employ of the Texas and Pacific Oil and Gas Company in their field stations throughout Texas.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE EL PASO OFFICE will immediately upon receipt of mail tracings from the Post Master at Midland, Texas, forward such tracings to Mr. Connelley at Chicago, Illinois.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
827 Broad Street National Bank Building
Trenton New Jersey

January 8, 1936.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232;
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1236, ET AL -
Edward George Bremer, Victim -
Kidnaping; Harboring and Obstruction
of Justice; National Firearms Act

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated December 19,
1935 (Bureau file number 7-576), in which you request that each
office immediately prepare a summary report of all the information
in its files concerning William Elmer Head, in order that the same
could be furnished to all interested offices.

In view of the fact that the files in this office con-
tain no information concerning Head, a summary report will not be
prepared in the Trenton Office.

Very truly yours,

W. L. Listerman
W. L. LISTERMAN
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 6, 1936.

Time - 4:05 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: ALVIN KARPIS;
Homer Fanning.

I telephoned the Omaha Office and talked with Special Agent Flood, who was in charge, about the above situation and asked him if any of the Agents of that office participated in a raid at Iowa City, Iowa, with officers of the Missouri State Police at any time during the last few days. Mr. Flood said that he believes Special Agents Franz and Bundy of that office went on some kind of an investigation with officers of the Missouri State Police, but he, Flood, was not familiar with the facts of the matter for the reason that the Agents reported directly to Mr. Dowd, who was out of the office, whereupon I requested that Mr. Dowd call me upon his return to the office.

Time - 5:45 P.M.

Special Agent Flood called me back and said that while Mr. Dowd had not returned, it not being expected that he would return in a reasonable time, he, Flood, had gotten additional information about this situation, the same being as follows:

On January 4, 1936 around 9:00 P.M. (Saturday), Special Agent in Charge W. A. Smith of the Kansas City Office telephoned Special Agent in Charge Dowd and advised that Missouri State Highway Patrolmen had in charge one Homer Fanning who was recently arrested at Kansas City, Missouri, and told Missouri State officers that he could locate Clarence Leroy Sparger, Lloyd Doyle, Martin John Langdon and Spike Lane. All of these men were supposed to be in Iowa City, Iowa. Mr. Dowd instructed Special Agent J. N. Franz and Special Agent E. E. Bundy of the Omaha Office to proceed to Iowa City to accompany the Missouri State officers on this investigation, which they did. The Agents and the officers made raids on two places, one being the home of W. E. Baker and the other being the Berkley Hotel in Iowa City. While none of the persons for whom the officers were looking was found, the Missouri officers arrested and took back with them one ALFRED SCHMIDT (previously reported as Alfred Smith) and one MAXINE MONTGOMERY, who were found at the Berkley Hotel.

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Mr. Flood added that Major Means of the State Police alone went to Baker's Photography Shop, owned by W. E. Baker, mentioned above, and there found miscellaneous firearms, which he took possession of and returned to Kansas City with him.

The man who was in charge of the raids above mentioned was Sheriff Scomas of Iowa City, Iowa, and the purpose of the Agents' accompanying the raiding party was to take care of the Bureau's interest in any fugitives who were captured and in whom we have an interest.

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With this information at hand, I telephoned Special Agent in Charge Smith at the Kansas City Office, and questioning revealed that the following happened in this situation:

Colonel Casteel of the Missouri State Police telephoned Mr. Smith on Saturday night furnishing certain information relative to what Fanning had said as a result of rather vigorous questioning of him. As a result of and predicated upon this call from Colonel Casteel, Mr. Smith telephoned the St. Louis Office and asked that two Agents of that office be sent to Macon, Missouri for the purpose of conducting an investigation of the stolen car angle of the matter. He then telephoned Mr. Dowd at the Omaha Office and requested that he send two Agents to Iowa City, Iowa, for the purpose of assisting officers of the Missouri State Police in an investigation there on information furnished by Fanning that he knew the location of several fugitives in whom the Bureau is vitally interested. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Dowd to call him back and advise him who would be sent and where the Agents could be located in Iowa City so that he, Smith, could give the information to Colonel Casteel. Subsequently, Mr. Dowd called Mr. Smith and advised him that Special Agent Franz and Bundy of the Omaha office would be sent to Iowa City to assist in this matter, and that they could be reached at the Jefferson Hotel in that city. Mr. Smith then called Colonel Casteel back to give him this information, and it was during this call from Mr. Smith to Colonel Casteel that he, Smith, asked Colonel Casteel if Fanning had changed his story about the Karpis angle, at which time Colonel Casteel informed Mr. Smith that Fanning now admitted that his companion was not in fact Karpis.

Respectfully,


E. A. TAMM.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 6, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases-
Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al.;
Edward G. Bremer-Victim;
Kidnaping.

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In a letter dated December 27, 1935, the St. Paul Office referred to a letter from the Jacksonville Office to the Bureau dated September 4, 1935 and requested that all of the firearms found in the home of William Weaver in Florida at the time of his arrest on September 1, 1935 be forwarded to the St. Paul Office. The firearms were forwarded to the St. Paul Office by American Express on Saturday, January 4, 1936. The tan brief case which is mentioned along with the list of weapons in the letter from the Jacksonville Office dated September 4, 1935 was not forwarded.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey.

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Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al.;
Edward G. Bremer, Victim;
Kidnaping.

With reference to my memorandum of January 6,
1936 in the above entitled case, the brief case which
was mentioned in the list of weapons attached to the
September 4, 1935 letter from the Jacksonville office,
is being forwarded to the St. Paul office today.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey

E. P. Coffey.

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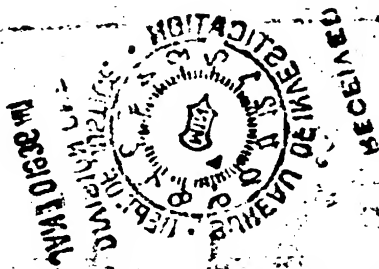
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

Cleveland FILE NO. 7-1

REPORT MADE AT Cleveland, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 1/7/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/12/35 to 1/6/36	REPORT MADE BY E. J. WYNN EJW/EJB
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE I. O. #1218, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Telephone tap placed on telephone of William F. Fergus, Cleveland, 1/4/36, who is expected to return to Europe for further promotion of slot machine racket in connection with Clarence Hebebrand and William Mitchell, who are presently in Europe. One "Tip" O'Neill, ex-convict, Cleveland, may be contact for fugitives. Swallows Restaurant operated by Murray Cook, Ashtabula, O. placed under discreet surveillance on 12/20/35 to 1/4/36 with negative results. Registered letter emanating from Columbus, O. received in January, 1935 at New Lyme, Ohio post office unclaimed, thought possibly for Mary Forth. Surveillance at Registry Section, Cleveland Post Office without results to date. Frank J. Noonan, private detective, Cleveland, expressed opinion that Shimmy Patton or Art Hebebrand would not knowingly harbor Karpis or Campbell; that Clarence Hebebrand and William Mitchell were expected to return from Europe in about three weeks, however, information from another source indicates to the contrary. [REDACTED] Toledo, O. advised that Campbell may be married again. No record of W. A. Winklebleck found at Toledo, O. Circularization of post offices with reference to George Benton, Mary Forth and Winklebleck effected. No results to date.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>J. H. [Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, O., dated 12/16/35; teletype from Dallas office dated 12/26/35; letter from Dallas office dated 12/28/35; report of Special Agent J. B. Dickerson, New York, dated 12/31/35; teletype from New York office dated 12/23/35.

DETAILS: As a result of the circularization of the postmasters with reference to Mary Forth, Postmistress Inez F. Allen, New Lyme Station, Ohio, by letter dated 12/14/35 advised that there was a family receiving mail at the New Lyme Station post office by the name of Benton, it appearing that George Benton, the head of the family, died about one year ago. However, his widow, Mrs. Jennie Benton, and his son, Howard, are presently patrons of the office. She stated that it was her recollection that in January, 1935 a registered letter was received at that station for one Mary Forth. Many families were canvassed and to the best of her recollection the Benton family advised that the addressee of the registered letter was some relative. In her letter the postmistress advised that the name, to the best of her recollection was Mary Forth, Force or Forest.

Agent interviewed the postmistress and from her records she determined that on January 17, 1935 registered letter No. 144517, postmarked at Columbus, Ohio was returned to the Columbus post office; that said letter was the one referred to in her letter to the Cleveland office; that many families in the community had been canvassed and Mrs. Jennie Benton advised that possibly this letter was for a niece of the deceased George Benton, which niece is the daughter of George Benton's brother, Henry Benton, whom Mrs. Benton has not seen for a number of years and thought possibly he resided in the vicinity of Richman, Pennsylvania. A check of the postal guide and maps reflects that there is no such place as Richman, Pennsylvania.

The postmistress advised that there is very little activity around the Benton home, it appearing that they are having a very difficult time making a living on the small farm; that the son, Howard, is about thirty years of age and is somewhat half-witted; that she has not observed any strangers visiting the premises, nor has she noticed any cars or other suspicious circumstances. She stated that Howard Benton drove an old Chevrolet automobile.

Postmistress Norton promised to cooperate with this office and to immediately advise in the event anything of a suspicious nature happened around the Benton home. In this regard it is stated that the New Lyme Station post office is but a small country store and the Benton farm is about 300 yards from the post office and the community being extremely small any suspicious actions around the Benton home would undoubtedly come to the attention of the postmistress.

It is to be recalled that the line of investigation seeking the whereabouts or identity of one Mary Forth is motivated by the fact that over a period of some months, registered letters were sent from Cleveland, Ohio to Milton Lett at Wann, Oklahoma, presumably from Harry Campbell, some of which letters bore the return address of Mary Forth, General Delivery, Cleveland, Ohio.

Harvey Benton, Orwell, Ohio, a son of Mrs. Jennie Benton, and a brother of Howard Benton, was contacted under the pretext that Agent was checking up on the undelivered registered letter of last January. During the course of the conversation Harvey Benton advised that his uncle, Henry Benton, brother of the deceased George Benton, reared his family in the vicinity of North Richmond, Ohio, or Andover, Ohio, both of which are located in Ashtabula, Ohio and in close proximity to the Pennsylvania state line; that as he recalls his uncle had a daughter named Mary, and that she married some person by the name of Force, Forth or Forest, but he could not recall just what the name was; that undoubtedly she would be about sixty years of age and that he has not seen her for years and knows nothing concerning her present whereabouts or activities. Mr. Benton himself is a man of approximately sixty years of age.

In view of the uncertainty on the part of the postmistress at New Lyme Station, Ohio that the registered letter No. 144517 was in fact intended for Mary Forth, no investigation was conducted in the Cleveland district pending results of an investigation at Columbus, Ohio concerning the registered letter, which investigation was requested in letter from the Cleveland office to the Cincinnati office dated December 30, 1935, it being thought that undoubtedly through the registry records the address of said record could be determined and in the event it is not a letter addressed to Mary Forth no further investigation need be conducted along this line.

Pursuant to long distance telephone conversation emanating from the Chicago office on December 17, 1935, being made by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley concerning the long distance telephone call made from the apartment of Imogene Robinson, Los Angeles, California, to Murray Cook, Ashtabula, Ohio, Special Agent C. E. Smith and this Agent proceeded to Ashtabula, Ohio and conducted a preliminary investigation

with reference to Murray Cook and the Swallows Restaurant, which investigation is contained in letter dated December 19, 1935 addressed to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois. A copy of this letter was also furnished the Bureau, Cincinnati, St. Paul, and Los Angeles offices.

Effective December 19, 1935 a thirty-day mail cover was placed on all first class mail to Murray Cook, Ashtabula, Ohio and to date tracings have been received indicating that Murray Cook received a letter with the return address of Charles and Barbara, Warner Hotel, Ashtabula, Ohio. It has been established by the investigation conducted by undercover Agents at Ashtabula that Charles and Barbara are theatrical performers. No other tracings have been noted, except one from the Clark Theatrical Agency, 621 Hipp Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

Special Agents H. B. Dill and B. M. Hirsh proceeded to Ashtabula, Ohio on December 20, 1935 for the purpose of conducting an undercover investigation at the Swallows Restaurant operated by Murray Cook, and so far as possible to gain his confidence and in general ascertain his general activities, interests and associates.

The Agents covered the situation from the time of their arrival at 8:15 P. M. on December 20, 1935 until the afternoon of January 4, 1936 and they succeeded in engaging Murray Cook in numerous conversations. Agents Dill and Hirsh found Murray Cook to be rather talkative and during the conversations he told about his early life, stating that he was born at the Harbor in Ashtabula, Ohio; that his father originally was an independent oil and gasoline dealer in Ashtabula and that he accumulated quite a fortune in real estate and that he, Murray Cook, since his father's death, some years ago, has been endeavoring to operate the Swallows Restaurant; that he has in the past practiced law near Willoughby, Ohio, but gave up his practice to return to Ashtabula, Ohio to administer his father's estate; that he received his AB degree from Cornell University and his LLB degree from the University of Wisconsin; that he has been going with a girl at Ashtabula, Ohio for about four and one-half years and that she is now in Honolulu; that his cousin, Bill Bond, is in charge of the bar at the Swallows Restaurant; that Bill Bond was formerly quite an adventurous person who, during prohibition, ran liquor from various islands off the coast of Florida to Florida; that he, Murray Cook, is a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. During the course of the conversation with Murray Cook the question of marriage arose several times. However, Cook denied he ever had been married, which is in direct contradiction to facts already known, which is to say that he was formerly married to Pauline Miller and divorced from her some years ago. Agents

Dill and Hirsh, during the period they were covering the Swallows Restaurant observed the general character and reputation of the place and reported that on the whole the place is a very respectable restaurant and no rowdiness is tolerated; that drunks are not permitted to loiter and so far as they observed some of the best people in town frequented the Swallows Restaurant.

This Agent checked the registered mail records at Ashtabula, Ohio from July, 1935 to December, 1935 for the purpose of determining whether or not Murray Cook had mailed any registered letters to J. C. Foster at Los Angeles, California, the alias of Fitzgerald, but the records failed to reflect any such letters.

The surveillance at the Registry Section, New Post Office Building, Cleveland, Ohio, has been continuously maintained since first instituted, but without results.

William F. Fergus, 10117 Clifton Road, Cleveland, Ohio arrived in Cleveland, Ohio on the Pennsylvania Railroad on the afternoon of December 24, 1935, at which time he was under the surveillance of Special Agent Turrou of the New York office. Agents C. E. Smith, E. J. Dowd and the writer met the Pennsylvania train and Agent Turrou pointed out Fergus and his party and they were trailed by Agent Dowd and the writer to Fergus' home at 10117 Clifton Road, Cleveland, Ohio. On December 31, 1935 Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland telephonically communicated with Mr. Tamm of the Bureau and received authority to place a telephone tap on the telephone of William F. Fergus, telephone number Woodbine 3525. This telephone tap was effected by Bureau Agents on the afternoon of January 4, 1936 and results of this tap will be reported in a subsequent report.

Concerning William F. Fergus, confidential informant [redacted] advised as follows: That he had received information [redacted] that Fergus was expected to return to Europe in possibly three or four weeks, his destination probably being Palestine. [redacted] further stated that insofar as he was able to ascertain, Mitchell and Clarence Hebebrand were not expected to return and would no doubt contact Fergus when he arrived in Europe. [redacted] was questioned closely relative to where he may have placed the memorandum on which he had set forth the license number of an automobile he had observed at the Harvard Club. He stated that he had searched all of his effects, but had been unable to locate same. b7c b7d

The following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland:

Mr. Frank J. Noonan of the Frank J. Noonan Detective Agency, 1900 Euclid Avenue, called at this office on December 31, 1935, upon invitation of the writer and related that Mr. William Fergus, who accompanied Messrs. Clarence Hebebrand and William Mitchell to Roumania for the purpose of installing slot machines in that country, returned to Cleveland about one week ago.

It was mentioned by Mr. Noonan that his information is to the effect that Clarence Hebebrand and William Mitchell will probably return to Cleveland within the next three weeks. As to the source of this information Mr. Noonan would not enlighten the writer.

According to Mr. Noonan, the mission of these individuals in Roumania, Poland and Palestine has been a failure in view of the difficulties encountered in effecting the adjustments of the slot machines to take in the various small sized coins of the said countries. It was intimated by Mr. Noonan that these gentlemen have spent approximately \$52,000 during the past year in connection with their trip to Europe.

As to the reason for the return of Mr. Fergus to the United States at this time, Mr. Noonan indicated that the Harvard Club was experiencing some difficulty, in that the owner of the property on which the said club is located has brought legal proceedings with a view to ousting the said club from the premises. It is Mr. Noonan's belief that Fergus returned here ostensibly to handle certain legal details in connection with their endeavor to retain the said location of the club. Mr. Noonan stated that about three years ago the club could have purchased the ground on which it is located for a very small sum of money, but that now the owner of the said property is demanding a large sum therefor.

Mr. Noonan indicated to the writer that the revenue of the said club, in all probability, amounts to approximately one million dollars a year and that it is his belief that the Hebebrands and Patton are well fixed financially, in that they have been operating the said club for a period in excess of six years.

The writer indicated to Mr. Noonan that Shimmy Patton has a new bodyguard, apparently a fellow by the name of "Tip." To this intimation Mr. Noonan intimated that the man named "Tip" is one "Tip" O'Neill, who is a close friend of Shimmy Patton. He stated that Shimmy Patton does not employ a bodyguard. While conversing on "Tip" O'Neill, Mr. Noonan indicated that the Post Office Inspectors at Cleveland had interviewed "Tip" O'Neill in connection with the Garrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery and that the said "Tip" O'Neill was cooperating with the said inspectors.

Mr. Noonan mentioned that Art Hebebrand is a great ladies' man and that he usually arranges it every year so that his wife will take trips to Florida and California, thus giving him, Art Hebebrand, an opportunity to carry on affairs with a number of women.

In the conversation with Mr. Noonan, the writer inquired of him as to how the detective agency business was, to which he, Mr. Noonan, replied that it was improving, whereupon the writer suggested that a detective agency such as his, which has a retainer from a club like the Harvard Club for services in the way of furnishing guards, is in a much better position than agencies depending upon business not on a yearly retainer basis. To this remark, Mr. Noonan stated that he was not employed by the Harvard Club, although he stated that when the club was first opened he did furnish guards. Mr. Noonan also mentioned to the writer that he has at present two men stationed in the Hotel Carter making an investigation relative to the throwing of stench bombs in the said hotel recently. Mr. Noonan endeavored to impress the writer that while Mr. Patton was considered a hard-boiled type of individual, he, nevertheless, had a heart of gold and was always doing things for people, he believing that possibly Arthur Hebebrand has more money than Patton.

To secure Mr. Noonan's reaction relative to the possibility of the club being a place of rendezvous for the fugitives in this case and for the purpose of camouflaging the views of the Bureau relative thereto, the writer suggested that he did not see how Shimmy Patton or Clarence Hebebrand could afford to be connected with men of the type of the fugitives in this case, as they had everything to lose and nothing to gain by reason of their association with either Karpis or Campbell. Mr. Noonan readily grasped at this straw and suggested that he did not believe that the said club was a rendezvous for the fugitives sought in this case and that he is inclined to believe that neither Hebebrand nor Mitchell, nor even Patton would identify themselves with men of the type of Campbell and Karpis, as they were fully aware of the possible implications by such an association and knew that if they were so associated with them that the Government would be likely to take action to close their club.

The writer's impression of Mr. Noonan is that he is endeavoring to play both ends in the middle; that is to say, he is endeavoring to throw up a screen of cooperation with this office and at the same time is being used by the Harvard Club for the purpose of contacting with this office to report back to the operators of the said club questions which might be propounded to him, Noonan, so that the said club will be aware of the views of this office in connection with this investigation.

In contacting Mr. Noonan it is believed that great caution should be exercised in the way of avoiding asking him direct questions which might reveal the plan of action of the Bureau relative to the Harvard Club or concerning plans in connection with the apprehension of the fugitives. When he is contacted Noonan should be required to do all the talking.

Reference report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, dated December 16, 1935 makes reference to "Tip" O'Neill, close associate of Shimmy Patton and Arthur Hebebrand of the Harvard Club, Cleveland, Ohio, who undoubtedly is a confidential informant of Post Office Inspector Hettrick at Cleveland in connection with the Garrettsville, Ohio mail robbery which occurred on November 7, 1935. The fact that he is a confidential informant appears to be substantiated by Mr. Noonan as set out above.

The following memorandum dated January 3, 1936 was submitted by Special Agent E. J. Dowd:

As suggested by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, after a conference this day in the Cleveland office, the writer interviewed Mr. S. K. Hettrick, Post Office Inspector, Cleveland, Ohio, and during the course of a conversation with him intimated that James "Tip" O'Neill and Tony, the latter a bodyguard of Art Hebebrand, were mentioned as possibly suspects in mailing letters at the Registry Division of the main post office, Cleveland, to a Mrs. Lett at Wann, Oklahoma, and that the Bureau intended to pick up James "Tip" O'Neill for investigation in connection with this matter.

Mr. Hettrick appeared somewhat upset at such a move. He advised, however, that he would not be surprised to learn that "Tip" O'Neill was involved, but stated that in his opinion he did not believe that anything could be gained by placing O'Neill in jail, as O'Neill is considered as having been one of the leading potential criminals in the country, with a long criminal record, numerous underworld contacts, and never known to have "squealed" on a confederate or anyone else.

After assuring Hettrick that it was not the intention of the Bureau to interfere in any way with the investigation he is conducting of the recent Garrettsville, Ohio mail robbery, Hettrick confidentially advised the writer that he arrested "Tip" O'Neill in 1930 in connection with a mail robbery of \$377,771.00 at Asbury Park, N. J. in which O'Neill was associated with one Stewart, Soup Groves, Webb and Giabowski; that O'Neill entered a plea of guilty and received a sentence of five years in the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia. O'Neill was released

last year after serving his full time. Prior to this conviction, Mr. Hettrick stated that O'Neill was sentenced to the Ohio State Penitentiary for ten years on a charge of bank robbery; that previously O'Neill served time at Leavenworth, Kansas for mail robbery, and besides these three convictions, Hettrick stated that O'Neill has a long criminal record. As far as Mr. Hettrick knows, O'Neill has no other criminal conviction or sentence hanging over him, and since his release from the penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, he has not been known to engage in any occupation, but is associating with his friend Shimmy Patton and also Art Hebebrand at the Hollenden Hotel and the Harvard Club. Mr. Hettrick stated that "Tip" O'Neill is very friendly to him, Hettrick, having every confidence in him.

Mr. Hettrick further advised the writer that information has come to him to the effect that while "Tip" O'Neill, who has grown up with Shimmy Patton on the west side, was in the penitentiary at Atlanta, Patton advanced money to O'Neill and his alleged wife, from a fund which O'Neill is said to have left with Patton, the money having been derived from robberies and holdups participated in by "Tip" O'Neill.

In further discussing the possibility of "Tip" O'Neill acting as a contact between Shimmy Patton, Art Hebebrand, and Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, and other potential criminals, Hettrick stated that he could think of no better contact, and in fact believes that "Tip" O'Neill is now acting in that capacity, and possibly mailing the letters referred to above.

In this connection, Hettrick advised that "Tip" O'Neill somewhat answers the description of Harry Campbell, there being a difference of about 15 years in age. Hettrick described "Tip" O'Neill as being about 50 years of age, 5 feet 4 or 5 inches tall, 135 to 145 pounds, blue eyes, brown hair (turning gray), ruddy complexion, slightly wrinkled in the face, wears soft hat, sometimes a derby. Mr. McNamara, who received two of the registered letters at the window of the main post office, Cleveland, Ohio, gave the writer the same physical description, stating that his recollection is that the man who registered the letters wore a cap, although he might be mistaken.

According to Mr. Hettrick, he did not figure "Tony" as a suspect, because he is dark, and of olive complexion, and furthermore doubts very much if Patton and Hebebrand would consider Tony as a confidential contact, employing him only as a bodyguard and "killer." Mr. Hettrick stated that "Tip" O'Neill is not the type of a person who would act as bodyguard and killer, but could be absolutely relied upon as a contact with other underworld characters and potential criminals desiring to do business with Patton and Hebebrand. Hettrick further

stated that Shimmy Patton, who is considered plenty tough, has never been known to engage a bodyguard, and usually is not afraid to travel by himself.

Hettrick stated that James "Tip" O'Neill lives with a woman named Mary in apartment 19, Logan Apartments, top floor, at 11835 West 117th Street, Lakewood, Ohio; that he believes the apartment house is owned by Hebebrand or his company, and that "Tip" O'Neill has an unlisted telephone or one in the name of his woman, "Mary", (last name unknown); that the letters mailed with the address Mary Forth, General Delivery, might have possibly come through "Tip" O'Neill, his woman's name being Mary; that while the Lakewood post office, located at 1384 West 117th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, is only two blocks away and a convenient place to send mail from, rather than take a chance of being identified, this being a small office, it is possible that "Tip" O'Neill mailed the letters at the main post office, which is directly on his way down town to the Hollenden Hotel, where he usually meets Patton and Hebebrand.

Hettrick advised the writer that the Hollenden Hotel and Carter Hotel are frequented by high-powered gamblers and criminals, and it is reported that Patton and Hebebrand have suites of rooms at the Hollenden Hotel where little or no information is given out.

Mr. Hettrick further stated that he could endeavor in a very discreet manner to obtain information on "Tony" alleged bodyguard of Art Hebebrand, and furnish the same to the writer.

It is the purpose of the Cleveland office in this investigation to give considerably more time to the investigation of "Tip" O'Neill as it is felt that he possibly may be the intermediary through whom Karpis and Campbell contact the operators of the Harvard Club.

AT TOLEDO, OHIO

[REDACTED] was interviewed and he stated that he spent one evening at the night club operated by Rene Holst at Point Place, a suburb of Toledo, and during the evening [REDACTED]

individuals in close proximity to the group of which he was a member, he was unable to question Rene as to the name of the girl, the date and place of the marriage. Agent requested [REDACTED] return to the night

club and through his wife endeavor to ascertain the above information and immediately advise the Cleveland office. Contacts in the immediate future will be again had with [REDACTED] by Agents of the Cleveland office.

Reference is made to the teletype from the Dallas office dated December 26, 1935 wherein it was stated that Meima Gibson, former mother-in-law of subject Harry Campbell, had received a package containing one handkerchief with name "Ralph"; another handkerchief with card "From Grandma and Grandpa", and also a pillow in which nothing could be found, the return address appearing on this package, according to the teletype was C. E. Winklebleck, Toledo, no street or other address, a search was made of the Toledo city directory and of the telephone directory at the Toledo Edison Electric Company and also the Northern Ohio Gas Company, however, no record was found of any C. E. Winklebleck, or W. A. Winklebleck.

Agent contacted Post Office Inspector T. C. Casey at Toledo, Ohio and through his assistance obtained a circularization of all carrier post offices in the Toledo unit in an endeavor to ascertain the deliveries of mail being made to anyone bearing the name of G. R. Benton, George R. Benton, Mary Forth, and the Winklebleck family.

Upon receipt of tracings from the [REDACTED] noted that the return address was Toledo, Illinois and not Ohio. The tracings were immediately forwarded to the St. Louis office with the request that investigation be conducted at Toledo, Illinois for the purpose of ascertaining the identity, connections and associates of W. A. Winklebleck.

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The CLEVELAND OFFICE at Cleveland, Ohio will develop the facts with reference to "Tip" O'Neill for the purpose of determining whether or not he is a possible contact of subjects Karpis and Campbell.

At Toledo, Ohio will keep in touch with confidential informant [REDACTED] and also informants in Cleveland, Ohio.

Will report results of telephone tap of William F. Fergus.

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Ave., at 9th St., N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Re: "BREKID."

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter under date of
December 19, 1935, concerning summary reports containing information
from the files of each office relative to one WILLIAM ELMER MEAD.

Please be advised that the Cincinnati Office has
no files containing information on Mead, except the file in the
instant case. The Summary Report prepared by Special Agent R. C.
Suran, Chicago, dated January 6, 1936, summarizes all information
in this file concerning Mead and there is no additional information
available at the Cincinnati Office.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley
E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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TITLE HOMER CLEO FANNING alias A. J. Bentley; ALFRED J. SCHMIDT			CHARACTER OF CASE NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject Fanning apprehended by Kansas City, Missouri Police Department on 12-31-35 after police pursued a Buick automobile bearing stolen Nebraska plates in which he and an unidentified companion were riding. Fanning claimed his companion was Alvin Karpis. Subsequent investigation indicates he was Subject Schmidt of Griggsville, Illinois. Both Subjects wanted by Kirksville, Missouri, and Keokuk, Iowa authorities for numerous burglaries. Subject Fanning returned to Macon, Missouri by Missouri State Highway Patrol where he furnished information leading to recovery of 1936 Buick Sedan, Motor Number 43030621, which was stolen from the Buick Garage at Keokuk, Iowa on 12-11-35. Advice received that Subject Schmidt apprehended at Iowa City, Iowa by Agents of Omaha Office and members of Missouri State Highway Patrol.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>By reference to the report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, January 6, 1936, in the BREKID case, it will be noted that Subject Homer Cleo Fanning was apprehended by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department on December 31, 1935, after he had been seen sitting in a Buick automobile containing two men and bearing stolen Nebraska license plates for 1935, number 44-3461, which were found to have been stolen from Carl Yakers, Brownville, Nebraska, to whom they had been issued during the summer</p>			
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of 1935. Fanning's companion in this automobile at the time escaped and Fanning contended that this companion was Alvin Karpis. Investigation by the Kansas City, Missouri Office disclosed that probably Alfred J. Schmidt of Griggsville, Illinois, was his companion at that time.

As was indicated in the above mentioned report, considerable property of various kinds was found in the possession of Fanning and also at his place of residence and the residence of Alfred J. Schmidt at Kirksville, Missouri. Much of this property was identified through efforts of the Missouri State Highway Patrol and Sheriffs of Iowa as being property which had been stolen in several burglaries in Northeastern Missouri and Southeastern Iowa.

Fanning was released on bond by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department on January 3, 1936, and was immediately taken into custody by Captain William Baxter of the Missouri State Highway Patrol for questioning in connection with these burglaries and was taken to Lacon, Missouri.

On the evening of January 4, 1936, Colonel B. M. Casteel, of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, telephoned the writer from Lacon, Missouri, and advised that Homer Fanning had now stated that the persons involved with him in numerous illegal activities were John Langdon, Clarence Sparger and "Spike" Lane, and also stated he would be able to locate these individuals in a hideout in the vicinity of Iowa City. Telephonic communication was had with Special Agent in Charge Dowd, of the Omaha Bureau Office, who was advised that the Missouri Highway Patrol was taking Fanning into Iowa for the purpose of endeavoring to locate Sparger, et al. Mr. Dowd stated he had two Agents in Iowa and would have them attempt to proceed immediately to Iowa City and would subsequently advise as to the names of these Agents and where the members of the Highway Patrol could find them in Iowa City. Subsequently Special Agent J. L. Flood telephoned from Omaha, Nebraska, and stated that Special Agents Bundy and Franz were then proceeding to Iowa City and would be at the Jefferson Hotel. The writer immediately advised Colonel Casteel of these facts and he stated that three of his men and the Chief of Police of Keokuk, Iowa, were then proceeding to Iowa City, Iowa and would contact the Agents at that point.

Colonel Casteel at this time further advised that the Highway Patrol had recovered the Buick automobile which had been stolen at Keokuk, Iowa, upon information furnished them by Fanning, and requested that an Agent contact him at Lacon, Missouri, immediately for the purpose of checking on this automobile and various other stolen property which had been recovered through information furnished by Fanning. Colonel Casteel stated that they had numerous state

charges against Fanning in connection with several burglaries on which to hold Fanning, but that if Fanning produced the individuals in Iowa whom he said he could that he would show Fanning some consideration by not pressing all of the charges.

The writer telephoned Special Agent Morris, of the St. Louis Office, giving him briefly the facts of this case and requesting that an Agent be dispatched immediately to Macon, Missouri for the purpose of contacting Colonel Casteel. Agent Morris advised this would be done immediately.

At this time I inquired of Colonel Casteel whether Fanning was still insisting that his companion at the time of his apprehension in Kansas City was Karpis. The Colonel advised that Fanning had now informed him it was not Karpis but that he had merely stated it was Karpis in order to protect his real companion on that occasion, who was Alfred Schmidt.

On Sunday, January 5, 1936, Special Agent in Charge Dowd, of the Omaha Office, called the Kansas City Bureau Office and advised that Agents had contacted members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol and a raid had been conducted on a house where Fanning claimed Sparger and others could be found but they were not found at that point, nor was there any evidence to indicate they had been there. He advised, however, that Alfred J. Schmidt had been located and had been arrested and was being returned to Kirksville, Missouri by the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

It appears from the foregoing that the only Federal violation involved is a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act in connection with the transportation of the Buick automobile from Keokuk, Iowa into the Eastern district of Missouri. It appears from a reward circular issued by Harry V. D. Haas, Sheriff, Lee County, Keokuk, Iowa, and Mr. E. C. McPherson, Chief of Police, Keokuk, Iowa, that this automobile is a 1936 Buick Sedan, Motor Number 43038624, which had been previously stolen at Keokuk, Iowa on December 11, 1935, from the Buick Garage.

On January 4, 1936, Captain Baxter of the Missouri State Highway Patrol advised Special Agent A. E. Farland, of this office, that witnesses at Kirksville, Missouri, had identified a portion of the jewelry found in Fanning's possession as property that had been stolen in the vicinity of Kirksville, Missouri. Captain Baxter also advised that Dr. Blum had been taken into custody at Kirksville and it was believed he was the leader in the various burglaries which had been committed by Fanning and Schmidt. Captain Baxter further advised that Schmidt and Fanning answered the description of persons who had brutally murdered a motorist in Iowa a short time ago but he was unacquainted with the details of this case. Captain Baxter

also stated that the true name of Schmidt was Alfred J. Schmidt of Griggsville, Illinois. He advised he would obtain photographs of Schmidt so they could be displayed to necessary witnesses to definitely determine if Schmidt was the person with Fanning at the time of Fanning's apprehension by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department.

It is noted that the only evidence instant stolen Buick car might have been in Kansas City is the statement, as reflected by the report of Agent Norstrom mentioned above, in the ERMID case, to the effect that Olie Smith, Night Attendant at the U-Smile Tourist Camp, near Kansas City, Missouri, stated that he recognized Fanning as one of two persons who registered at this tourist camp on the night of December 30, 1935. He described the companion of Fanning as being about 35 years of age and 200 pounds in weight, and that Fanning had registered for both under the name of "A. J. Bentley" of Omaha, Nebraska. They were assigned to cabin number 5 and left a call for 7 A.M., stating they were in a great hurry to leave. He managed to arouse them at about 8:30 A.M. and they proceeded in the direction of Kansas City. The camp register disclosed that Fanning and his companion were driving a 1936 Buick bearing 1935 Nebraska license number 44-3461. Smith stated that the automobile they were driving was practically new, although considerably covered with mud.

A review of the file entitled "Homer Cleo Fanning, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act", Kansas City file 26-4590, indicates that Fanning was previously arrested on 9-26-33 at Iowa City, Iowa, in possession of a Ford two door sedan, stolen from C. C. Carpenter, Springfield, Missouri, on July 27, 1933. On January 10, 1934, he was declared criminally insane in the District Court of Harold D. Evans at Iowa City, Iowa, and was committed to the Department of Criminally Insane, Men's Reformatory, Anamosa, Iowa. At that time he was interviewed by Special Agent in Charge O. C. Doney and claimed to have information concerning the whereabouts of Ed Davis and James Clark, notorious bank robbers, who had escaped from Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas. His information at that time was believed unreliable and not a great deal of credence was placed in his story. A review of Kansas City file 26-3529, entitled "Lloyd G. Vineyard, Casper E. Rester, and Homer Cleo Fanning, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act", reveals that Fanning was arrested at Medford, Oklahoma, in October, 1931, with a stolen car, escaped out of jail, and was later apprehended and sentenced in Federal Court to 18 months in the Federal Reformatory, Chillicothe, Ohio.

Fanning's description and criminal record, as contained in the former file, is as follows:

NAME	HOMER CLEO FARMING
AGE	24 (Born July 26, 1909)
HEIGHT	6' 3"
WEIGHT	160 lbs
BUILD	Slender
HAIR	Medium light
EYES	Blue
SCARS	12 in. scar right groin pit left cheek bone, 1 in. scar upper lip.
RESIDENCE	Belleville, Kansas
OCCUPATION	Laborer
NATIONALITY	American
PHOTOGRAPH	In file.
F.I.C.	Sheriff's Office, Iowa City #193 (O) 5 A 5 (I) 17 A 7
FATHER	L. E. Farming, Conductor, Rock Island Railroad, Belleville, Kansas.
SISTER	Mrs. Robert (Maxine) Montgomery, Salina, Kansas.
SISTER	Mrs. Murrell Baker, Iowa City, Iowa.
CRIMINAL RECORD:	

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There is no complete available description of Schmidt in the Kansas City Bureau Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE CLEVELAND OFFICE will report results of investigation conducted at Iowa City, Iowa, in cooperation with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and also report the arrest of Schmidt and any other developments of interest to this case.

At Keokuk, Iowa, will interview the Buick Garage for the purpose of ascertaining the circumstances surrounding the theft of instant car.

The Omaha Office will also ascertain whether any prosecutive action is being undertaken by Iowa state authorities in connection with the burglary and larceny activities of Fanning and Schmidt.

THE ST. LOUIS BUREAU OFFICE at Lacon, Missouri, will report the recovery of instant automobile and the results of other investigation conducted at that place with reference to the activities of Schmidt and Fanning.

Will also ascertain whether there is any evidence connecting Dr. Blum of Kirksville, Missouri, with the activities of Fanning and Schmidt in connection with instant automobile.

Will also ascertain and report what State charges are being filed against these subjects by the Missouri State Authorities at Kirksville, Missouri, and Lacon, Missouri, and will report the disposition of any state charges placed against them.

Will present the facts of this case to the United States Attorney for his opinion as to prosecution.

P E N D I N G.

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

January 8, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
New York City, New York.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Referring to teletype of your office dated January 6, 1936, relative to the definite date of the anticipated arrival in this country from Europe of Hebebrand and Mitchell, please be advised that no definite information is available here relative thereto, the latest being that they do not expect to return in the near future.

Telephone conversations from the residence of William Fergus, who recently returned from Europe, indicate that Fergus anticipates returning to Europe in the near future to rejoin Hebebrand and Mitchell.

Efforts are being made to secure, through an informant, definite data relative to their return and when definite information is secured you will be advised in the premises.

Very truly yours,

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- Cincinnati
- Chicago
- St. Paul

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota,

Dear Sir:

With further reference to the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al.; EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim; KIDNAPING, and the Bureau's teletype message to you of January 4, 1936 and Bureau letter of January 6th, the top brief case referred to in the list of firearms attached to the letter from the Jacksonville Office to the Bureau, under date of September 4, 1935, was forwarded to you on January 6, 1936 by registered mail.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Jacksonville, Florida. 1-8-36

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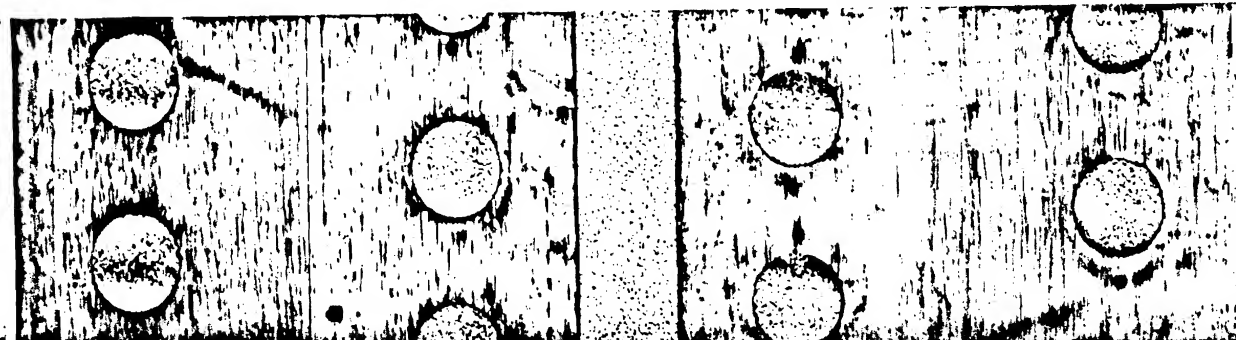
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

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January 8, 1936.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated December 19, 1935, addressed to all Agents in Charge, directing that a summary of evidence contained in the file on WILLIAM KILMER MEAD be compiled and disseminated to the several offices.

We have made a search of the file at the Jacksonville Office on this matter but it has not been possible to locate any data or material in addition to that reflected in the summary report submitted from Chicago by Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated January 6, 1936.

I might also say that inquiry was made at the local office of the Postal Inspectors in Jacksonville to locate any data they may have which would assist. At this Office, however, the Agent conducting the inquiry was informed that, although there is pending in Court at Jacksonville, Florida, a case against Mead, the complete file thereon is in possession of Postal Inspector Herbert W. Graham, who is stationed at New York City. I understand that Inspector Graham is a specialist assigned to work on cases involving confidence men throughout the United States.

In this same connection it is apparent from the report of Special Agent Suran, that Inspector Graham has been contacted. Notwithstanding this, however, a copy of this letter is being designated for the New York Office so that this feature may be covered, if the conclusion aforesaid is in error.

Referring further to the report of Special Agent Suran above mentioned, it is noted that a lead is set forth therein for the Atlanta Office to maintain a check on Jack Lentz and Joe Dowling at Savannah, Georgia.

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TO DIRECTOR,
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This no doubt is based upon the contents of the report of Special Agent Robert C. Hendon, dated at Atlanta, Georgia, October 9, 1935. It would appear that upon the conclusion of the investigation set forth in report of Agent Hendon, at least Jack Lentz immediately departed from Savannah. In substantiation of this theory, Agent Donaldson, during last October, learned that Lentz was in the custody of the Police at Jacksonville, Florida, being held for investigation in connection with a confidence scheme that had been worked upon some individual, traveling on a boat from New York to Miami.

I now learn, authoritatively, from the Jacksonville Police Department, that Lentz, whose Jacksonville PD number is 8392, was arrested at Jacksonville, Florida, on October 22, 1935, on a charge of disorderly conduct and suspicion person, and was fined \$50.00. From the same source it was ascertained that Lentz has a long criminal record, having been arrested in many cities on the Atlantic seaboard.

The purpose of injecting this information is not to cancel the lead set forth for the Atlanta Office at Savannah, but to merely point out the possibility that Lentz is no longer at that point.

Copies of this letter, therefore, are being indicated for the Atlanta and New York Offices for their respective attention.

Very truly yours,



R. A. ALT,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - St. Paul
Cincinnati
E. J. Connelley, Chicago,
Atlanta
New York

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Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

January 8, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir:-

RE: PREYID.

In compliance with your request of December 29, last, I have caused a search to be made of our file on this case with a view of locating any data pertaining to investigations conducted in that part of Georgia formerly covered by the Jacksonville Office prior to the opening of the Office at Atlanta.

I do not find that any investigations of a special nature have been made. Our activities during the time in question seemed to be confined to the placing of Identification Orders, Bulletins, etc., in the usual points designated on the mailing list.

Very truly yours,

R. A. ALT,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio.**

FILE NO. **7-9**

REPORT MADE AT Indianapolis, Indiana.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-7-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-28-35	REPORT MADE BY H. K. JOHNSON FEC
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232; ETAL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Sales managers of the Gibson Co., Indianapolis, Ind., indicate Browning 12 gauge automatic shotgun 92870, which was bought Aug. 27, 1927 from Em-Roe Sporting Goods Co., Indianapolis, for a Mr. L. J. Lenon, was for a Mr. Lenon employed by the A.C. Spark Plug firm of Flint, Mich., now understood to be employed by the York Supply Co., Dayton, Ohio. Lead set out for Cincinnati Office.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent C. D. White, Los Angeles, California, dated November 16, 1935.

DETAILS:

At the Gibson Company, 433 North Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana, Agent interviewed Mr. E. M. Cass, Indianapolis sales manager of the Gibson Company, Mr. J. A. Cadden, South Bend manager of the Gibson Company, and Mr. W. M. Morlan, Terre Haute manager of the Gibson Company. These gentlemen were at first unable to recall the Mr. Lenon for whom they purchased a gun from the Em-Roe Sporting Goods Company, Indianapolis, Indiana, on August 27, 1927. After some discussion with various salesmen present at a sales meeting, Mr. Cass informed Agent that the Mr. Lenon mentioned on the sales slip for the gun, who signed his name as L. J. Lenon, was probably the Mr. Lenon who in about 1927 was a representative for the A.C. Spark Plug firm of Flint, Michigan. This Mr. Lenon often contacted the Gibson Company at Indianapolis and worked with salesmen of the Gibson Company. Some of the salesmen for the Gibson

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Company have heard that this Mr. Lenon was located a short time ago with the York Supply Company, Dayton, Ohio.

A lead is being set out for the Cincinnati Office at Dayton, Ohio, to ascertain whether the Lenon said to be employed by the York Supply Company is Mr. L. J. Lenon who signed the sales slip of the Gibson Company dated August 27, 1927 for, "one gun, as selected" from the Em-Roe Sporting Goods Company of Indianapolis. This sales slip or memorandum slip is being attached to copies of this report indicated for the Cincinnati Office.

Mr. Lenon should be located and interviewed for the purpose of determining what disposition was made of the Browning 12 gauge shotgun number 92870, referred to in report of Special Agent H. W. Costello, Indianapolis, Indiana, dated April 12, 1935.

No lead is being set out for the Detroit Office to locate and interview Mr. Lenon through the A.C. Spark Plug firm at Flint, Michigan. Should the office of origin be unable to locate Mr. L. J. Lenon at the York Supply Company, Dayton, Ohio, it is suggested that an attempt be made to locate him through the Detroit Office as a former employee of the A. C. Spark Plug firm at Flint, Michigan.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD

THE CINCINNATI OFFICE, at Dayton, Ohio:

Will locate and interview Mr. Lenon at the York Supply Company and ascertain whether he is the Mr. L. J. Lenon who signed the sales or memorandum slip for a gun as indicated in said sales or memorandum slip attached to the Cincinnati copies of this report. Also, through L. J. Lenon, will ascertain the disposal he made of the gun.

- P E N D I N G -

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

January 8, 1936

Mr. E. J. Connelley
Special Agent in Charge
St. Paul, Minnesota

Re: BREXID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your long distance conversation on January 8th, 1936, with Special Agent E. V. Wynn at Cleveland, Ohio, relative to the dates Harry and Gladys Sawyer registered at the Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio.

Your attention is directed to the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, dated at Chicago, Illinois 9-19-34, wherein on page 56 Gladys Sawyer in a statement made to Special Agent R. C. Suran advised that Harry and she had left Las Vegas and proceeded to Cleveland, Ohio, where they had registered at the Cleveland Hotel as Mr. and Mrs. Frank James.

In an endeavor to substantiate this information and obtain corroborative evidence the various room clerks, floor women and Assistant Manager of the Cleveland Hotel were interviewed and photographs of Harry and Gladys Sawyer exhibited to them. However, none of the individuals interviewed were able to identify the photographs of Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer. Through the courtesy of Mr. John C. Taylor, auditor for the Cleveland Hotel, a check of the registration cards was made, and it was noticed that registration card folio bearing No. F 9886 reflects the registration of Mr. and Mrs. Frank O. James and child, address 1618 Sherman Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska as having registered at the hotel on June 16th, 1934, and checking out on June 19th, 1934. The registration card further reflects that they were assigned to room No. 407.

The above-mentioned registration card was subsequently secured from Mr. Taylor and forwarded to the Technical Laboratory on December 17th, 1935, for the purpose of having the handwriting appearing upon same checked with the known specimens of Harry Sawyer's handwriting; however, the Technical Laboratory advised by letter on December 30th, 1935, that the examiner was unable to reach a conclusion due to the limited amount of writing.

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At the present time the registration card has not been returned to the Cleveland office by the Technical Laboratory due to the fact that photographic copies of same are being made; however, in the event that this registration card is desired at the trial in St. Paul, Mr. John C. Taylor, auditor, Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, would be the proper person upon whom to serve a subpoena duces tecum.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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January 7, 1936.

7-576

Mr. J. P. MacFarland,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1443 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Laboratory Report #7348 in connection with the case entitled, Alvin Karpis with aliases - Fugitive, I. O. #1217, et al.; Edward G. Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping.

In accordance with your request, there is transmitted herewith the registration card of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Jones and child together with a photographic copy of same. A photographic copy of this specimen is also being forwarded to each of the following: Chicago Bureau Office; Cincinnati Bureau Office; St. Paul Bureau Office; and Mr. F. J. Connelley at Chicago.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Director,

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

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January 8, 1936.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

RE: BREKID

In connection with complying with arrangements instituted by the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minn., to see that proper clothing was furnished the several witnesses subpoenaed in this case from Miami, Florida, you are advised that this action has been taken. As a result of same a total expenditure of \$426.24 was incurred. \$85.00 is payable to The Mark Store, Inc., Miami, Florida; \$318.24 to Frank Volkowsky, Clothier, Miami, Florida; and the sum of \$23.00 to Terese Carmichael, representing expenditures personally incurred by her.

I have itemized statements for all of these expenditures, and the clothing has actually been furnished the witnesses, who are either en route to St. Paul, or leaving today for St. Paul.

I desire instructions from the Bureau as to what manner this expenditure should be handled. It occurs to me that perhaps it may not be beyond the realm of possibility to perfect arrangements whereby same could be paid by the United States Marshal, and in this connection the Bureau, if it deems proper, might make an effort to confer with the Department Accounting Division, or such other proper unit as found necessary, with a view of having the United States Marshal authorized to settle these bills, or to have him make a proper request to incur the expenditure so that same could be charged to some Departmental appropriation.

In any event the creditors expect an early settlement of these bills, and the Jacksonville Office should be notified as to the Bureau's wishes at the earliest possible date.

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Very truly yours,

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R. A. ALT,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cincinnati
E. J. Connelley, Chicago.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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TO: Director
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Mr. Clegg
Division Three

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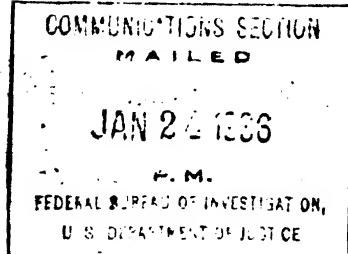
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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENAN
ATTENTION: MR. FISHER

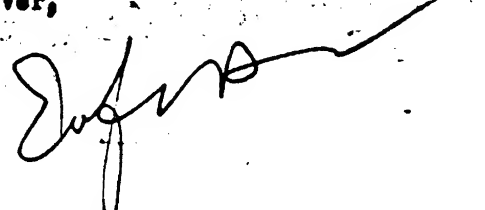
In connection with the arrangements that were made by the Jacksonville Office of this Bureau at the instance of the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, for the appearance of the several witnesses subpoenaed from Miami, Florida, in the case involving the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, I am now in receipt of information from the Jacksonville, Florida Office of this Bureau to the effect that a total expenditure of \$426.24 was incurred. It now appears that the creditors expect an early settlement of the moneys due them. The amounts payable are \$35.00 to The Mark Store, Incorporated, Miami, Florida; \$313.24 to Frank Wolkowsky, Clothier, Miami, Florida; and the sum of \$23.00 to Terese Caralchael, representing expenditures personally incurred by her. The itemized statement for all these expenditures is in the possession of the Jacksonville, Florida Office of this Bureau.

Inasmuch as the above arrangements were in compliance with the request of the United States Attorney at St. Paul upon Departmental instructions, I assume that your Division of Accounts will require an itemized statement of the expenditures which were incurred. Due to the importance of the Cuban and Miami witnesses and the necessity for their appearance at St. Paul on January 6, 1936, at the trial of this case, a considerable amount of effort was expended in completing arrangements for their appearance. Now that the witnesses have been available for the trial of this case and have testified, every effort will be made to furnish you with any information which will bring about the early payment of the creditors who have cooperated with us in this matter.



Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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January 30, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: BREXID

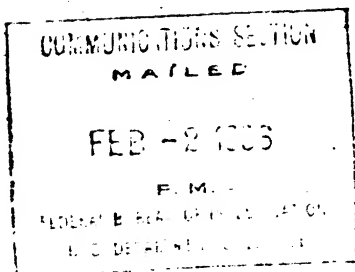
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your communication dated January 8, 1936, wherein you state that it was necessary to furnish several witnesses subpoenaed in this case from Miami, with proper clothing for the severe weather experienced in Saint Paul at this time of the year.

I desire to inform you that the Bureau is of the opinion that the expense for the purchase of this clothing should not be borne by the Bureau but should be borne by the Department. The Bureau has so informed the Department, and it is presumed that appropriate arrangements will be made for the payment of these bills through the United States Attorney or the United States Marshal at Miami.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

January 8th, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

The below-quoted letter was received at the Chicago Bureau Office on January 6th, 1936, from E. Prince Slaven, 709 South Seminary Street, Galesburg, Illinois.

It is believed that this letter is self-explanatory and it is suggested that appropriate inquiry be made by your Office through Mr. Slaven at Galesburg, Illinois.

"In tonight's local newspaper appears Identification Order No. 1218 of March 22nd, 1934, regarding one Alvin Karpis wanted for kidnaping. Full explanatory data is given, of course. I was attracted by the 'notice'. I read it in detail. I also studied the two pictures. After due deliberation I decided that perhaps I talked to Mr. Karpis one mite last week in the local Burlington R.R. station for about three hours. This is of course a 'hunch'. But the man I talked to measures up to the 'facts' as given in Order no. 1218. I don't want any publicity, 'just in case'. I teach in the local High School."

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

January 8th, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Confirming my telephone call and subsequent telegram of January 8th, 1936, I desire to advise that Helen Conliff telephoned this office and advised that she had received a telegram from United States Attorney Sullivan at St. Paul instructing her to report in St. Paul on the morning of January 9th, 1936. She advised, however, that her uncle had died within the past few days and that his funeral was to be held on the morning of January 9th and she desired permission to leave Chicago on the afternoon of January 9th, arriving in St. Paul that same night.

Accordingly, she was advised that this would be satisfactory and, as you were advised in my telegram of January 8th, 1936, she plans on leaving Chicago at 3:00 P.M. on the afternoon of January 9th, 1936, on the 400 of the Northwestern Railway.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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REPORT MADE AT Atlanta, Georgia.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-7-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-20-26-1935.	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT C. HENDON.
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Post Office Inspector, Atlanta, Georgia, stated no Post Office robberies of consequence in vicinity Atlanta, Georgia or Columbia, South Carolina since August. Livingston, South Carolina Post Office burglarized November 16, 1935, and two hundred blank money orders stolen. Some later passed in Knoxville, Tennessee and Louisville, Kentucky, by parties giving names J. Crawford and Hobart Brooks. Stop notice placed against Plymouth Sedan motor # FX-322772. No automobile registrations in Georgia under name G. R. Benton or Mary Forth. One registration under George Benton, colored.

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REFERENCE:

Letter from Cleveland Office to all Field Offices dated December 12, 1935; letter from Cleveland Office to all Field Offices dated December 16, 1935.

DETAILS:

On December 26, 1935, Special Agent in Charge T. N. Stapleton of the Nashville Office telephonically advised the Atlanta Office that information had been obtained from R. L. Nichols, alias Eddie Nichols, who had been apprehended at Marion, Virginia, as a subject in the case entitled MARS HILL BANK ROBBERY, NATIONAL STOLEN PROPERTY ACT, with Charlotte as the office of origin, to the effect that Alvin Karpis has been in Tennessee and South Carolina since August, 1935. Special Agent in Charge Stapleton further advised that Karpis had been running with Jack Foster, alias "Doc".

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Foster and Jack Willhoyt, both from Oklahoma, who had been robbing Post Offices between Atlanta, Georgia, and Columbia, South Carolina. He requested that information be obtained from the Division Headquarters of the Post Office Department concerning what Post Office robberies had occurred in the pertinent territory since August which might be connected with the above information.

Post Office Inspector in Charge J. W. Cole, Atlanta, Georgia, stated that it was practically an impossible job to locate files on Post Office robberies without having the name of the particular Post Office since their files were indexed in that manner. Mr. Cole further stated that there had been no Post Office robberies in his division which covers Georgia and South Carolina in addition to other states, of any importance since August, 1935. After further conversation Mr. Cole stated that it might be possible for him to find the files on robberies occurring in the Georgia and South Carolina territory by looking at the index cards on their pending cases which were filed back of each Post Office Inspector's name. Upon making this check under the names of the Post Office Inspectors covering the territory in question, Mr. Cole advised that the Livingston, South Carolina Post Office had been burglarized on November 16, 1935, at which time two hundred blank money orders were stolen. He stated that investigation by his department had disclosed that on November 21, 1935, several of these money orders were cashed in amounts ranging up to fifty dollars each by two white men on merchants at Knoxville, Tennessee. He stated that these men had registered at the St. James Hotel, Knoxville, Tennessee, at about 10:00 P.M., November 20, 1935 as Hobart Brooks and J. H. Crawford of Charleston, South Carolina. He said that several of the money orders had then been passed in Louisville, Kentucky on November 22, 1935, ranging in amounts from fifteen dollars to fifty dollars, apparently by the same persons who had been in Knoxville, Tennessee as indicated. He stated that all of the money orders when passed had been signed as J. B. Williams, Postmaster, Livingston, South Carolina, and made payable to Hobart Brooks. He said that his investigations had further disclosed that one J. B. Williams had been connected with Charles Spires, Jesse L. Hoge, and Leon LaFite who were suspects in the robbery of the Edisto Cash Depository, Denmark, South Carolina and of the Mars Hill Bank Robbery at Mars Hill, North Carolina. Mr. Cole advised that

Post Office Inspector A. J. Knight who was stationed at Columbia, South Carolina reported to him that it was his opinion that the parties involved in the robberies of the banks had also been involved in the robbery of the Livingston Post Office.

The following was the list of concerns in the possession of Mr. Cole where the money orders in question had been cashed:

Uncle Sam's Loan Office, Knoxville, Tennessee.
United Loan Company, 204 South Gay Street, Knoxville, Tennessee.
Sears Roebuck & Company, Knoxville, Tennessee.
J. C. Penny Stores, Knoxville, Tennessee.
Dailey's Clothing Store, Knoxville, Tennessee.
S. H. George and Sons Department Store, Knoxville, Tennessee.
Lovenhart & Company, Louisville, Kentucky.
Town-Talk Clothing Company, 301 West Market Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

Mr. Cole, using the method of checking his files as described could locate no other Post Office robbery which might have involved the persons in question. He stated, however, that if it was possible for the Bureau to obtain from its informant the names of the Post Office robberies by the parties he would gladly give all available information concerning the robberies which could then be easily ascertained.

The following descriptions of J. H. Crawford and Hobart Brooks were furnished by Mr. Cole, although he did not know which description fitted each name:

Number 1:

Age	22
Weight	120 to 130
Height	5' 6"
Hair	Blond

Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Ruddy
Dress	Dark blue suit and hat with hat band of striking appearance
Speech	Very slow speaker with Southern accent
Peculiarities:	Talked with slight lisp Teeth slightly protruding and wore heavy linsed glasses.

Number 2:

Age	24 or 25
Weight	130 to 140
Height	5' 7 or 8"
Hair	Blond
Eyes	Blue
Appearance	Boyish

With reference to the letter from the Cleveland Office dated December 16, 1935, Miss Sarah Scott, Motor Vehicle Division, State Capitol Building, Atlanta, Georgia, advised that there had been no automobile registrations during 1935 under the name of G. R. Benton or Mary North. She stated that the only registration under the name of George Benton had been that made on February 19, 1935 by a colored man giving the address of 134 King Street, Atlanta, Georgia, which was for a 1930 Ford Coupe, motor # A-46896304.

With reference to the letter from the Cleveland Office dated December 12, 1935, Special Agent T. E. Myers placed a stop notice with the Motor Vehicle Division, State Capitol Building, Atlanta, Georgia, against 1935 Plymouth Sedan, motor # PJ-322772, serial # 2619857 as requested by said letter. Appropriate arrangements were made by Agent Myers to insure notification of the Atlanta Bureau Office in the event the above described automobile is registered in the State of Georgia.

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JANUARY 8, 1936

H E ANDERSEN
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ST PAUL MINNESOTA

BREKID HELEN CONLIFF LEAVING CHICAGO THREE PM JANUARY NINTH
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Post Office Box 1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
January 9, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: BRKID

Reference is made to your letter of January 3, 1936,
requesting that a stop be placed at the Automobile Registration
Division of the State of Arkansas for the automobile allegedly
used in the train robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, of which robbery
Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell are possible suspects.

The reference letter referred to the report of Special
Agent B. L. Damron, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated December 30,
1935, which covered investigation at the Automobile Registration
Division of the State of Arkansas for automobiles registered under
the names of G. K. Benton, George Benton, or Mary Worth. However,
it is assumed that the letter referred to the 1935 Plymouth Sedan,
motor #PJ321772, mentioned in the circular letter issued by the
Cleveland office under date of December 12, 1935. By reference
to the report of Special Agent J. R. Celhoun, Little Rock, Arkan-
sas, dated December 16, 1935, it will be noticed that a stop has
been placed as to this Plymouth Sedan.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Shivers,
Special Agent in Charge.

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1500 Liberty Trust Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

January 9, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I.O. #1216; et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your routing slip of the 6th,
please be advised that appropriate "stops" have
been placed against the Plymouth automobile,
Motor #3322772, Serial number 2619837, in both
the states of Delaware and Pennsylvania.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VOTER, I.
Special Agent in Charge.

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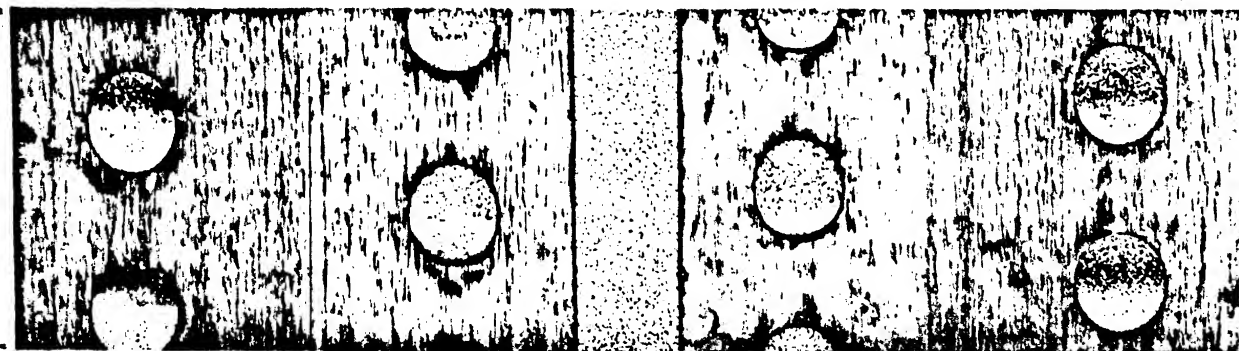
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San Antonio, Texas.
January 8, 1936.

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Miss Gandy	

Director,
Washington, D. C.

ALVIN KARPIS, w. a. FUGITIVE;
I.O. #1218; HARRY CAMPBELL,
w. a. FUGITIVE; I.O. #1236;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w. a. FUGITIVE;
I.O. #1232; et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives;
Obstruction of Justice; National
Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

Relative to coded teletype message from the Bureau dated January 3, 1936, quoting telegram received by the Director from H. W. Steinman, Waco, Texas, wherein the Director was advised by Mr. Steinman that Alvin Karpis, with two other fugitives, was at the present time located at Coldwater, Kansas.

As I advised the Bureau in my telegram of January 3, 1936, we had previously contacted Mr. H. W. Steinman at 827 South Seventh Street, Waco, Texas, and it was apparent that he was of unsound mind, his specialty being the location of nationally known fugitives. Reference is had to report of Special Agent C. R. Davis, San Antonio, Texas, for September 20, 1934, in the case entitled George Kelly Barnes, w. a. Charles F. Urschel, Victim, Kidnaping, which details an interview had with Mr. Steinman at that time.

I am quoting herewith memorandum submitted by Special Agent D. R. Morley from Waco, Texas, dated January 6, 1936, which covers an interview had with Mr. Steinman relative to the telegram sent the Director on January 3, 1936:

"Agent interviewed Mr. H. W. Steinman, 827 South 7th St. relative to the telegram sent by him to the Director containing information that subject Karpis is now in Coldwater, Kansas."

"Mr. Steinman is a man 74 years of age and is very apparently of unsound mind. In response to Agent's request that he produce evidence on which the information transmitted to the Director was based he proceeded to set up a card table, on which he placed a map of the United States "New Excelsior" brand, published by the Geographical Publishing Co., Chicago, Ill. On this map he placed a piece of hard wallboard

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estimated to be about 8x14 inches. On the back of the wallboard was connected a brass box estimated to be 2x2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches, which Mr. Steinman stated contained a special battery built by himself. On the upper side of the wallboard was a copper-brass plate approximately 4x6 inches. Connected with the plate was about five feet of ordinary insulated light wire. The wire was grounded to a copper rod about four feet long. Mr. Steinman then produced a wooden stick, name of the wood he refused to divulge. The stick was wrapped at one end and Mr. Steinman also refused to divulge the nature of the materials under the wrapping. Next Mr. Steinman drew forth newspaper and magazine pictures of dozens of well known criminals. He placed pictures of Alvin Karpis (Associated Press photo clipped from newspaper), Lauden House (picture from True Detective) wanted by the Sheriff's Office, Henderson, Texas, on a charge of murder, Howard Lansdon (picture from True Detective) wanted by the Sheriff's Office, Liberty, Mo. for bank robbery and Thomas Bommerito (picture from True Detective) wanted by the Michigan State Police for murder, on the copper brass plate described above, started waving the stick, which was held between the thumb and forefinger of his right hand, above the map and finally started beating on the map in the vicinity of Coldwater, Kansas. Mr. Steinman stated that the person using the stick had to be 'gifted' or no good could come of the operation. Mr. Steinman then, using photographs and handwriting specimens clipped from newspapers, proceeded to clear up the Lindbergh case showing Agent beyond the shadow of a doubt that Hauptman built the ladder and got part of the ransom money, that Morris Rosner actually carried the child away after it had been handed out the window of the Lindbergh home by Violet Sharpe. Further it was ascertained that, in Mr. Steinman's operation he has discovered that Gaston B. Means was really the brains back of the Lindbergh kidnaping.

Mr. Steinman then divulged the information that Thomas H. Robinson, Jr. kidnaper of Mrs. Berry V. Stoll, is now in Gatesville, Texas, basis of this being the above described device.

Mr. Steinman then recommended to Agent that Director Hoover make his headquarters in Waco, Texas, until these important cases can be cleared up. It was upon this remark that

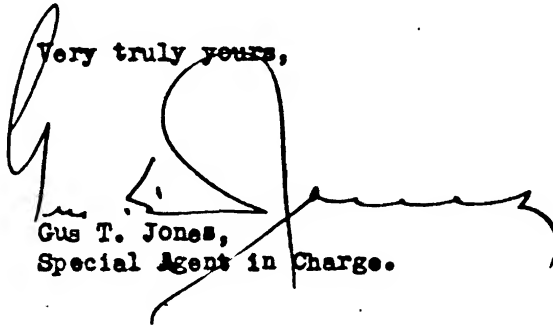
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January 8, 1936.

Agent reached the conclusion that Mr. Steinman was definitely "teched in the head."

It is a definite fact that no further attention need be given to Mr. Steinman and it is suggested that that Bureau not answer any more of his letters as it is problematical to what use he might attempt to put official letters received from the Director.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Gus T. Jones", written over the typed name and title.

Gus T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc E.J. Connelley-Chic-1

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

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REPORT MADE AT St. Louis, Missouri	DATE WHEN MADE 1/8/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/7/36	REPORT MADE BY J. S. HUSH JBC
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1252; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Secretary of State, Springfield, Ill., advises 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor #PJ 322772, Serial 2619857 not registered State of Illinois, but stop order placed and this office will be advised in the event such car is registered there.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from Cleveland Office, dated December 12, 1935.</p> <p>DETAILS: In response to a letter directed by the St. Louis Office to the Office of the Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, with reference to 1935 Plymouth four-door Sedan, Motor Number PJ 322772, Serial Number 2619857, the St. Louis Office has been advised by the Office of the Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, that this automobile has not been registered in the State of Illinois, however, that the Office of the Secretary of State has placed a stop order in the files of that office and in the event this automobile is registered in the future, the St. Louis Office of the Bureau will be advised of such registration.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PENDING.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. C. Newman</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

CONFERENCE CALL TO CHICAGO AND ST. PAUL:

FBI LOS ANGELES 1-3-36 6-15 PM

PHONE. BREKID. SURVEILLANCE OF FITZGERALD THIS AFTERNOON REVEALED THAT
AT ABOUT FOUR PM HE MAILED A LETTER, AND EXAMINATION OF BOX INDICATES THAT
LETTER IS ADDRESSED TO MRS. A. B. GILBERTSON, GENERAL DELIVERY, MINNEAPOLIS,
MINN. LETTER BEING SENT VIA AIR AND UNDOUBTEDLY WILL LEAVE POSTOFFICE HERE
AT TEN TEN PM TONIGHT, ARRIVING MINNEAPOLIS EIGHT TWENTY PM TOMORROW NIGHT

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 536
Los Angeles, California
January 6, 1936

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Ave. at Ninth St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID.
L. A. File 7-42.

Reference is made to your communication of December 10, 1935, directed to the Special Agent in Charge of the Kansas City office, copies of which were designated for this office, requesting that Mrs. VOSBURG, the half sister of Kate Barker be interviewed for information relating to the family history of all the Barker brothers and Kate Barker, with particular reference to places of birth, education, employment, et cetera.

Please be advised that Special Agent C. D. White of this office attempted to interview Mrs. Vosburg and was advised that due to a very recent death in the family she will be unable to see an agent of this office for a short period of time. Mrs. Vosburg further requested that the interviewing agent not attempt to see her at her residence, but that a telephonic appointment should be made for some point in Long Beach where the interview could be conducted.

Mrs. Vosburg will be contacted in the near future for the information requested in reference letter, and same will be immediately forwarded to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Hanson

J. H. HANSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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